



Kennett Square Centennial

SEPTEMBER 1955



Congratulations,

KENNETT SQUARE!

**We have much in common! We, too, are celebrating
our Centennial!**

Kennett Square and the Republican Party were both incorporated
as important institutions of Chester County in the year 1855.

Kennett Square citizens, over the past century, have played an
important part in the development and accomplishments of our
Party in Chester County.

Members of our Party have contributed, over that same period,
to the growth and progress of Kennett Square.

The ideals and ambitions of your citizens have been identical
with those of our Party in Chester County — to continually strive
to make our county a better place in which to live, and work
and play.

Working together, we can keep pace with progress in the future
with the same degree of success we have attained in the past.

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C. Gilbert Hazlett, Chairman

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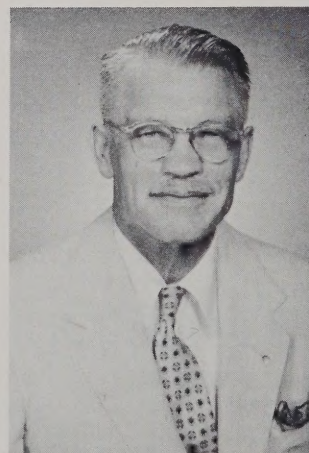
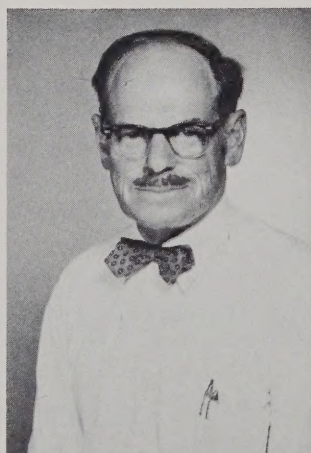
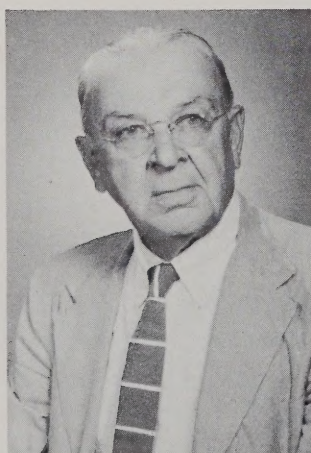
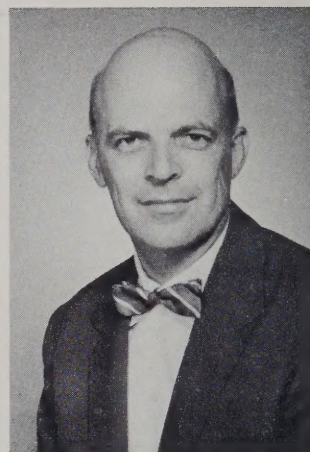
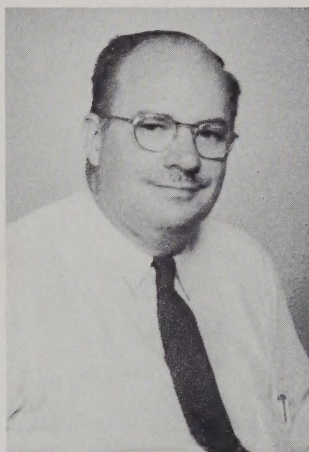
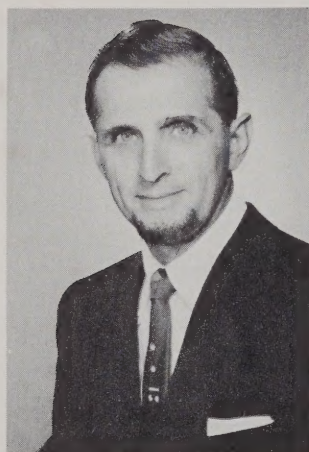
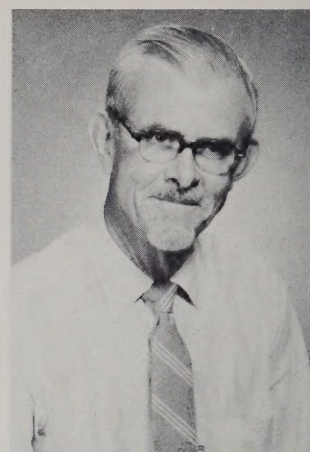
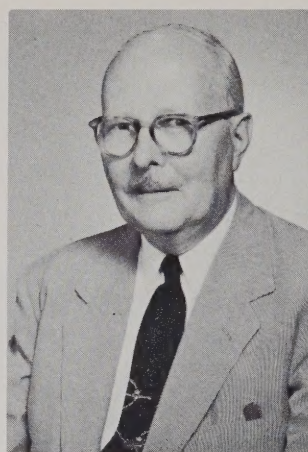
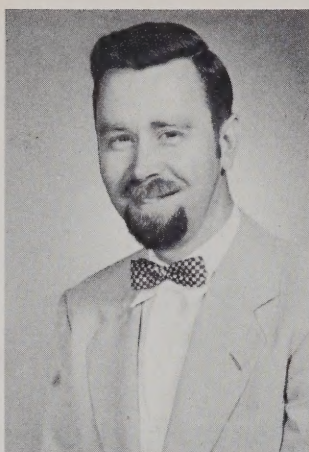
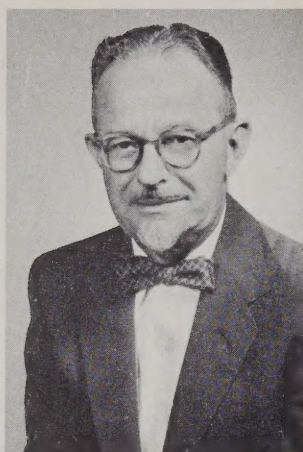
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May we express our heartfelt gratitude to the Program Committee whose diligent efforts made this Historical Souvenir possible, particularly to Mrs. Harlan Cole for her untiring efforts in gathering all the data.

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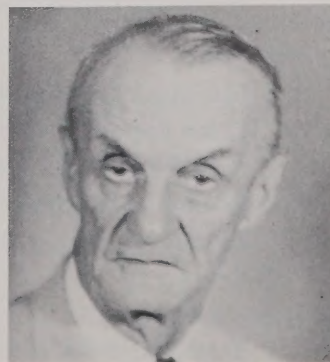
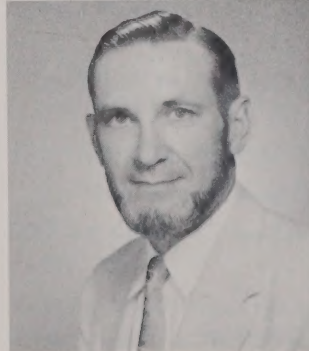
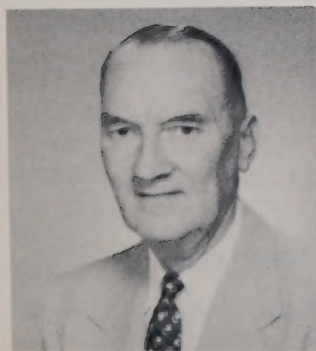
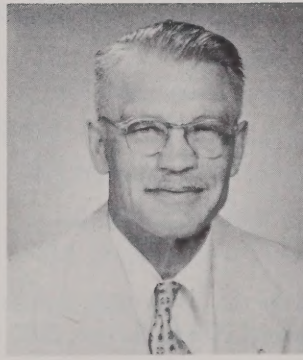
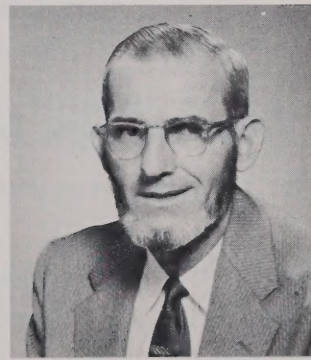
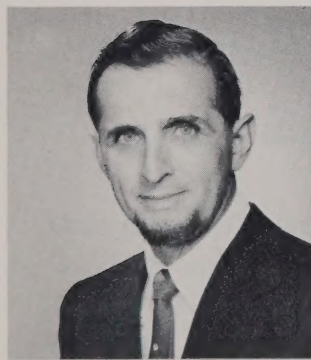
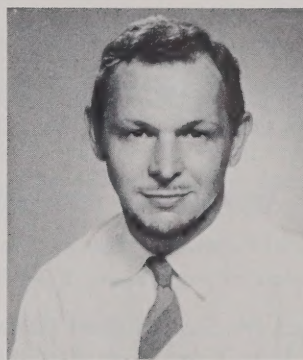
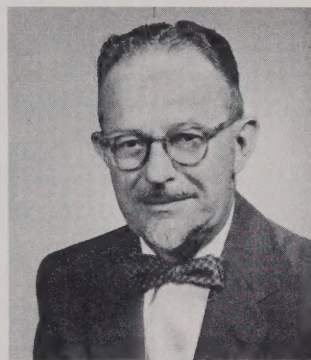
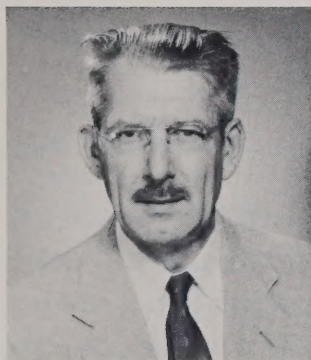
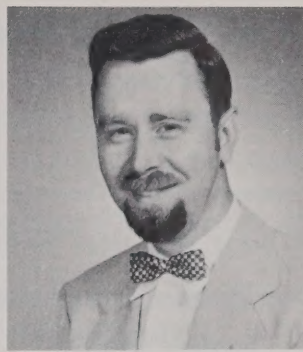
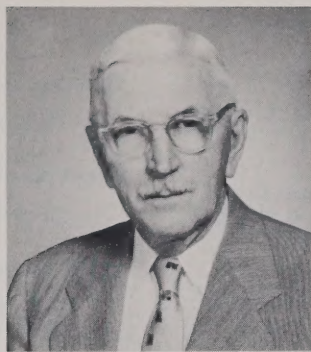
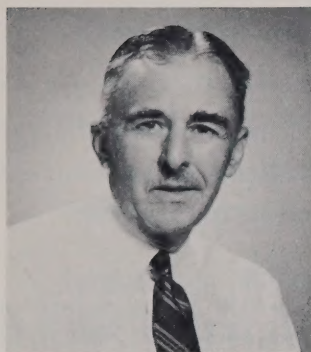
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Daily Program

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

Century of Progress Parade—3:00 P. M.—
Floats, marching units, antique cars, horse units.

Saturday Night—
"Her Majesty's Ball," Crowning of Queen—Dance,
Kennett Consolidated School Gymnasium, 9:00 P.M.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

"Old Timers" Baseball Game—
School Ball Field, 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

Midget League All Star Baseball Game—
School Ball Park, 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

"The Story of Kennett", play by The Little Theatre—
High School Auditorium, 8:15 P.M.

Little League All Star Baseball Game—
Little League Ball Park, 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Soap Box Derby—
E. Cypress Street, 6:00 P.M.

Street Dance—
Recreation Ground, 8:30 P.M.

Visitation to Boro Water Works—
Disposal Plant, 2:00 to 4:00.

Slides and Movies of Historic Interest—
Centennial Headquarters, 3:00 P.M.

Children's Dance—
Recreation Center Tennis Courts, 8:30 P.M.

Visitation—
National Vulcanized Fibre Co., 2:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Olson Engineering Co., 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
A. A. Pesce Glass Works, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
Tri-cote Knitting Mill, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
Kennett Equipment & Machine Co., 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Youth Activities—
Recreation Field, 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Pageant—
Kennett Consolidated School Athletic Field, 8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Cooking Demonstration—
Centennial Headquarters, 2:00 P.M.

Slides and Movies of Historic Interest—
Centennial Headquarters, 4:00 P.M.

"Old Timers"—
75 years and over will be entertained at Centennial Headquarters, 4:30 to 7:30 P.M.—Organ Music.

Orchestra—
Barber Shop Quartet.

Visitation—
Boro Water Works—Boro Disposal Plant, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
Olson Engineering Co., 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
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Youth Activities—
Recreation Field, 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Pageant—
School Athletic Field, 8:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Beard Judging Contest—
Centennial Headquarters, 10:00 A.M.

Sisters of the Swish Contest—
Centennial Headquarters, 10:00 A.M.

Chester County Firemen's Parade—
2:00 P.M.

Pageant—
School Athletic Field, 8:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

8:00 P.M.—Community Religious Service—Longwood
Open Air Theatre—Speaker, Dr. Elton Trueblood, Chief of Religious information of United States information agency.
Electric Fountain Display to follow.

Centennial Week Playground Activities

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

- 3-5 P.M.—TOURNAMENT Day
6:30 P.M.—Baseball Exhibition Game: Farm Team
8:30 P.M.—Outdoor Movies: Walt Disney's "Treasure Island"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 3-5 P.M.—Special Events Day
6:30 P.M.—Softball Exhibition Game: Girls

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

- 3-5 P.M.—Sports Day
8:30 P.M.—Outdoor Dance
6-11 P.M.—Amusement rides and games of skill for young and old at Magnolia Acres

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

- 3-5 P.M.—Centennial Playground Highlights
6-11 P.M.—Amusement rides and games of skill for young and old at Magnolia Acres

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

- 1-11 P.M.—Amusement rides and games of skill for young and old at Magnolia Acres

The Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board, having completed a successful eight-week summer program is conducting the above Centennial Week Playground Activities program under the guidance of Jack S. Myles, Recreation Director, assisted by summer staff members: Mr. Earl Knorr, Mr. Joseph Ranalli, Miss Ginger Pannell, and Miss Betty DiFilippo.

Borough of Kennett Square

Incorporated March 13, 1855

Population—1855 300 estimate

1870 897 U.S. Census

1880 1021 "

1910 2049 "

1920 2398 "

1930 3091 "

1940 3375 "

1950 3699 "

AREA—

1 square mile

ALTITUDE—

384.35 feet above sea level at the intersection of Union and State Streets

LATITUDE—

39° 50 minutes

LONGITUDE—

75° 40 minutes

CLIMATE—

Average Temperature 44.5 degrees, Average Rainfall 54.2 inches

ASSESSED VALUATION—

Real Estate \$7,057,899.00—Occupation \$356,200.00

BOROUGH TAX RATE—1855—

20 Mills & 50c for each male dog, \$1 for each female dog

1955—11 Mills

SCHOOL TAX RATE—1955—

23 Mills

OTHER TAX—BOROUGH—1955—

\$5 Per Capita

mee . . . a Bever skinn, to be delivered at Philadelphia at or upon the first day of the first month in every year" . . . It is thought that the name of the township, originally spelled "Kennet", was suggested by Francis Smith, who had taken up land at the mouth of Pocopson Creek in 1686. He came from Devizes in Wiltshire, England, in which county there is a village of that name. As applied to the township, the earliest mention known is found on court records dated February, 1705.

Letitia Penn returned to England in November, 1701, leaving the management of the property to James Logan and Edward Penington. They were authorized to sell the land as demanded. One of the first purchasers was Gayen Miller, who acquired 200 acres on the east branch of Red Clay Creek, including the eastern part of the present borough. He erected a homestead which was still standing as late as 1840.

Early settlers found the township an admirable place in which to live. The Indians were friendly, crops were easily grown, there was an abundance of game in the forests and fish in the streams. The flattering accounts which reached England induced others to follow. The familiar names of Webb, Way, Heald, Cox and Taylor appear on the tax lists of 1715. Further evidence of progress was a petition to the County Court, at Chester, Pennsylvania, dated November 30, 1742, "Beginning at Ashton Road, near the plantation of John Baldwin . . . and extending from thence through the township of Ashton and Concord Township . . . and Birmingham township to Brandywine creek near Francis Chads mill and thence through Kennett and New Garden townships to White Clay Creek . . . which road being soon cleared and opened by the supervisors of the respective townships through which it passes . . . the land has all been doomed and allowed to a free open and lawful road and cart-way". And so, Kennett Square acquired a highway.

In 1764, Joseph Musgrave purchased 87½ acres of land from Joseph Walter. This embraced all of the land in the northeast part of the borough as far as Fairthorn and all of the land fronting on State Street east to Red Clay Creek. Joseph Musgrave was responsible for the earliest mention of the name of the borough as yet found. This appears on an application for a tavern license dated "27th day of August, 1765: the petition of Josephe Musgrave of the township of Kennett in the county of Chester aforesaid: Humbly sheweth That your petitioner is situated at a place called Kennett Square in Kennett township aforesaid where the road leading from Chester to Nottingham crosses the road leading from Lancaster by doe run across Marlborough Street To Wilmington. That no public house of Entertainment is kept on the last mentioned road for the distance of sixteen miles that is to say eight miles each way from your petitioner's dwelling. By Reason whereof your petitioner as well as numbers of the Inhabitants adjoining the said Road are burthened with

travellers and others passing and repassing the said road. That your petitioner humbly conceives his situation is well calculated for a public House of Entertainment to accomodate both the said roads and to answer the end intended by Such Houses, and as your petitioner has built a commodious house at the place aforesaid and is furnished with Stabling pasturage and meadowing for carrying on that business in a reputable manner He therefore humbly prays that your Honours will be pleased to grant him your recommendation to his Honour the Governor for his license to keep a public house of Entertainment at the place aforesaid for the selling of wine Rum and other Spirits. Your petitioner shall pray Joseph Musgrave." The petition was signed by Jacob Tagart, John Chandler, Aaron Baker, Jacob Wright, Mordecai Vernon, Joel Baily, Henry Dixon, John Pyle, Joseph Hains, Michael Gregg, Joseph Pennock, Aron Musgrave, John Nickols, Henry Heal, Joseph Gregg, Thomas Pusey, Joseph Davis, John Baily, George Passmore. The license was granted Sept. 2, 1765.

In 1768, Musgrave purchased 3½ acres from William Dixon. This tract included from South Union Street to Friends' Meeting on East State Street and as far south as Cypress Street. The transfer reads "William Dixon and all to Joseph Musgrave 29th day of 9th mo. 1768, for 45 pounds " a certain Lott or pice of ground situate Lying and being in the said township of Kennett and in a place intended to be laid out for an inland town called..... town". Thus is recorded Joseph Musgrave's dream of founding a town. The fact that the space for a name is left blank might indicate that he expected to change the



This is Unicorn Tavern

name. In 1775, another purchase of 105 acres from Aaron Musgrave included all the land west of South Union Street and south of State to about the railroad. Something must have happened to destroy his ambition for he did little building and, by 1776, had sold the town plot and other acreage.

An event of national as well as local importance occurred in 1777, when British and Hessian soldiers, commanded by Cornwallis and Knyphausen, occupied the north and south hills of town on the eve of the Battle of Brandywine. The only brick dwelling, which later formed the east end of the hotel, was occupied by Lord Howe. This building, a tavern and a few scattered log cabins were the whole of the village at that time. As might be expected,



Kennett Hotel showing East end, built before 1776

the encampment caused excitement and apprehension among the residents of the area. Many claims for damages were later filed with the County Commissioners. The community, which was largely Quaker, endeavored to maintain a neutral attitude towards the war. This was neither an easy nor popular course to follow in such troubled times. When the village tavern burned, the owner, Peter Bell, laid the blame to Tory neighbors and General Washington is reported to have said, at the time of the Battle of Brandywine, that he felt he was in enemy's country.

It was about this time that James Fitzpatrick, also known as "Sandy Flash" began to get into trouble. He plundered the countryside, after the war, but eventually was caught, convicted and executed at Chester in 1778.

The first postoffice was established in Kennett Square about 1802. Benjamin Taylor was the first official postmaster. There being no official building, the postoffice was usually located in a store and moved about as businesses changed hands. By 1855 a mail coach was operating between the borough and Wilmington. Another line ran between Kennett Square and Media, meeting the train there. These stages also conveyed passengers and baggage

and "Errands and Packages attended to for a reasonable compensation".

On August 26, 1814, orders were received at Philadelphia headquarters of the State Fencibles, Fourth Military District "The captains will proceed with their companies with all possible expedition to Kennet Square, Chester County, where they will encamp and be mustered." This was by order of General Robert Bloomfield. About 5,000 troops camped on the hill east of town, extended into the valley along the creek and occupied the road leading to the borough dam. A stage line was maintained between the camp and Philadelphia and soldiers were constantly passing between the two points. Kennett Square was selected for the encampment because it was believed the British would come up the Chesapeake, land at the head of the Elk and march toward Philadelphia. The unusual event attracted a great deal of curiosity and people from miles around visited the camp.



House on West State Street, built in 1837

On January 11, 1825, Bayard Taylor was born in a house which stood on the south corner of State and Union Streets. The building is gone but a bronze plaque marks the site. The village was growing for in 1830 there were about 20 houses, 2 taverns and a store. Business began to increase until we read that in 1848, "The average citizen was not then so dependent upon the outside world. Mifflin Pyle then made all the hats worn in the community. When a man wanted a hat he went down to the shop and ordered it and had his measure taken. There was no great variety of style, but they were good, honest hats and they wore well. Every shoe worn in the community was made right here at home and the same was true of the clothing. On the Kennett hills the wool was fed and grown. At the mill at Chambers it was made into cloth and it was fashioned into garments by John Darlington. The plow was the chief agricultural implement that was not strictly home made and they were

manufactured by Hiram Hall for a time at least, on the site of the present bank building”.

An application for incorporation of the borough was filed September 27, 1853. A citizens' meeting was called in November to consider the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation. A petition for a charter was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Chester County, November 3, 1854. The charter was granted March 13, 1855. Officers elected were John Chandler, burgess; John M. Anderson, Castner Hanway, Solomon Mercer, Joshua Taylor, Chandler R. Way, councilmen; Encoh Passmore, Thos. J. Taylor, justice of peace; Joseph Dixon, judge; William G. Pierce, Martin Pyle, inspectors; Charles W. Iliff, assessor; John Taylor, Levis H. Davis, asst. assessors; Assacher Eldridge, Assacher Hoopes, Thos. J. Taylor, auditors; Amos G. Hoopes, constable. The population of the borough was 300. The main streets were Union and State Streets. An old blueprint shows that most of the town lay north of State Street and lists 27 business places and homes.



Early Railroad

The Baltimore Central Railroad was completed about this time. It is reported to have caused a great increase in the price of land near the railroad. It proved an impetus to business, providing a means of both receiving and shipping goods and the town began to expand rapidly. Broad Street was improved south to the railroad, other streets were improved and sidewalks built. The Kennett Square Free Press, a weekly newspaper was established in July, 1855 by B. F. Coles. It was discontinued after a short period of publication. The old Borough Hall was completed in 1858.

Residents of the area were noted for their abolitionist sympathies. There were several branches of the Underground Railroad in or near the community. Thomas Garrett acted as a guide for the slaves who rested at the home of Isaac and Dinah Mendenhall, on their way to Darby and Philadelphia. From Wilmington, one of the first stations was the home of John and Hannah Cox at Longwood, then known as "Pierce's Park". Nearby Longwood Meeting was the scene of fierce debates on the question



Public Fountain erected in 1892

of the day. Kennett Square was represented in the Civil War by a company of volunteers known as the First Rifle Regiment of Kennett Square, a part of the famous Bucktails Regiment. Charles Frederick Taylor, the brother of Bayard, was active in forming the company and was chosen captain. Promoted to the colonelcy of the Bucktails after the battle of Antietam, he was pronounced by General Meade to be one of the most promising young officers in the service. Colonel Taylor was killed at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, while leading his regiment in the desperate charge made by the First Brigade.

An ordinance passed in 1874 indicates that Kennett was becoming a settled community. The ordinance prohibited horses, cattle, swine, etc. from running at large in the streets. The Kennett Fire Company was organized in 1875, the outcome of a disastrous fire which occurred at the Unicorn property. In the same year, Borough Council authorized the erection of sufficient street lamps to light the main streets.

Important additions to the business district in 1877 were the brick block on the south side of East Street near



State Street looking West

Union, which was built by Evan P. Swayne, and a three-story brick building erected on the Unicorn site by Theophilus Sickles. The year also marked the establishment of two weekly newspapers. The Kennett Advance, started by William H. Phillips, was published until 1910. The Kennett News and Advertiser was begun by Theodore Hadley and was owned by the Hadley family until purchased in 1935 by Richard Taylor, present owner and publisher.

A telephone stock company was organized in 1879 with lines installed about town. By 1885 the connection had been extended to Wilmington and West Chester. The presidential campaign of 1880 aroused great enthusiasm. Newspapers of the day state that on August 17 "the largest assemblage that has ever paid tribute to that progressive little town" assembled in Kennett Square for a torchlight procession. Organizations from the surrounding townships marched. Fireworks were displayed, bands played, stores and dwellings were illuminated and there were speeches after the parade at the Unicorn building.



Davis Marble Yard

Electricity arrived in the borough about 1893. Some street lamps were installed but it was many years later before the beneficial effects of electric lighting began to be seen. Trolley service from West Chester began February 3, 1903. Another line ran from West Grove through Kennett Square, connecting with the Wilmington trolley at Brandywine Springs. Trolley service was discontinued November 30, 1929.

A public celebration took place in September, 1915, in observance of the 60th anniversary of the borough. A home talent pageant was given in the meadow on the western border of town. In September, 1923, many former residents returned for the celebration of Old Home Week.

Kennett Square suffered with the rest of the nation during the depression years. The sewage system, the municipal building and other public works were completed, with government assistance, during this period. An important change was made in 1940, when Cypress Street



Early Trolley

was extended to connect with Route 1, making it possible to establish one-way traffic on Cypress and State Streets.

Residents were active in both World War I and World War II. Many were called to the services while others worked on the home front for Red Cross, Civilian Defense, War Bond Drives and similar patriotic organizations. During the second war, a draft board and a ration board were located here. As gasoline rationing grew more stringent, the town became a more self-contained community than it had been for many years.

In November, 1946, a marker was unveiled at the triangle of Walnut and Cypress Streets. This was erected to honor the memory of Brigadier General Robert Bloomfield, commander of the State Fencibles Encampment in 1814. The Old Guard of State Fencibles, Philadelphia, dressed in 1812 uniforms, a band, and representatives of local organizations paraded prior to the dedication.

There was considerable local protest when the Pennsylvania Railroad proposed to terminate passenger service. Public hearings had no effect on the decision and service



Establishment of J. E. Worrall

ended in 1947. The passenger station was razed. So another era of transportation has passed and the only public conveyance now available is bus service.

With the close of the war, the borough entered a new period of expansion. New industries in and near the town brought an influx of citizens and created housing problems. To meet these needs, housing developments were begun at South View and Stenning Hills in the



Establishment of W. H. Worrall

southern part of town and at Hessian Circle on the northwest edge. A large apartment building was erected on South Willow Street.

Two fires were the most outstanding events of 1952. In March, the historic and seemingly ill-fated site of the Unicorn was once more swept by fire. The conflagration started in the drug store occupied by Connor Bros. and spread to the apartments above. Damage was estimated at \$150,000. The building had been restored by the end of the year. In August, 1952, the recently remodeled Kennett Hotel was destroyed by fire. The little east end of the building, a landmark since 1776, was doomed. The property was so badly damaged that removal was the only course. Residents watched sadly as the ancient bricks, reputed to have been imported from England, were tumbled into the waiting trucks.

The worst storm of the century occurred in October, 1954. Trees, power and telephone lines, homes, barns and mushroom houses suffered from the high winds of Hurricane Hazel. Fortunately there were no fatal injuries in the area.

Kennett Square has been fortunate in having citizens who have made valued contributions to the nation as well as



West State Street

the community. Moses and Samuel Pennock, Vincent Bernard and Bernard Wiley invented many items of farm equipment. Cyrus and Samuel Chambers were also well known as inventors. Theophilus Sickles was responsible for many improvements in the town. Bayard Taylor was widely known in his career as poet, traveller and diplomat. William Marshall Swayne won renown for his work as a sculptor. William E. Voorhees served as borough secretary for 50 years. Pierre S. duPont, although not a resident, contributed largely to private and public agencies. A public park has been dedicated to the memory of Herbert J. Pennock, who achieved fame in baseball. W. E. Rupert was noted for his devotion to duty as supervising principal of the public school. U. G. Gifford was honored for his long service in medicine. George B. Scarlett took an active part in the community, serving as burgess and

as Pennsylvania state senator. John Marshall Phillips became director of Yale Art Gallery and was an internationally known authority on silver and art. Monroe L. Nute, as president of Lions International during the past year, carried the name of Kennett Square to the remote corners of the world. These are only a few, among the many, for every citizen, however brief his stay, made some contribution towards the growth and well-being of the community.

Many changes can be seen as Kennett Square enters upon another century of existence. The increasing population (3699—1950 census) has necessitated the expansion and improvement of many new streets and extension of municipal facilities. The children enjoy the advantages of a fine consolidated school and a planned recreation program. The once agricultural area is now almost wholly devoted to the cultivation of mushrooms and flowers. And so, as the history of the past hundred years is reviewed, it would seem that what was once but the dream of Joseph Musgrave has acquired a firm foundation in fact.

BAYARD TAYLOR MEMORIAL FOX HUNT

The first event in the celebration of the Centennial of the Borough of Kennett Square was the Bayard Taylor Memorial Fox Hunt held at Cedarcroft on March 12, 1955. The first chapter of the "Story of Kennett" by Bayard Taylor describes a fox hunt which is supposed to have taken place on the old Barton farm in 1796. The story has so captured the imagination of local residents that commemorative hunts were held in 1896, 1921 and 1946. It seemed appropriate to hold it again this year as a Centennial activity.

The program began with an invocation by Rev. Herbert P. Landes. Mrs. J. Leon Merrick gave incidents from the life of Bayard Taylor. John B. Hannum III related the history of the Cheshire Fox Hounds. Music for the occasion was furnished by Chris Sanderson and his Pocopson Valley Boys. Ralph H. Walter was chairman of the program. A short pageant of 1796 was re-enacted on horseback. Those taking part were Nancy Nicholas as Martha Deane; Franklin L. Gordon as Giles; Albie Stewart as Gilbert Potter; M. E. Becker as Sandy Flash; John B. IV and Richard Penn-Smith Hannum as Joe and Jake Fairthorn, Mrs. John W. Cross as Betsy Lavender; Burnett Wilson as Dr Deane; Vernon T. Mercer as Alfred Barton; J. Robert Wilson as Mr. Ferris and Mrs. E. Miles Valentine as Sally Fairthorn. Mrs. John B. Hannum, III gave a demonstration of the responses of the pack of fox hounds to sounds from the hunting horn and voice. As MFH of the Cheshire Fox Hounds, Mrs. Hannum led the hunt which found two foxes and continued for about four hours. William T. Sinclair was the only rider present who had also ridden in the three anniversary hunts.

The hunt was witnessed by about 3,000 spectators.

Churches

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

About 1890 the first services of the Bethel A.M.E. Church were held in a building on North Walnut Street. Later the congregation purchased a lot on East Linden Street. The corner stone of the present building was laid on the second Sunday of May, 1894, by Bishop Emery. Rev. Wallace Spriggs was the minister at that time. The building was dedicated in July, 1894, by Bishop A. Grant. Rev. William B. Williams was pastor. Trustees were Perry Stout, Joseph Carter, Anthony Goodwin, Simon Ringold, John Butler, George Williams, Andrew Lee, Samuel Davis, William Howard and James Wilson. The parsonage, also on East Linden, was acquired in 1913 and an adjacent lot in 1953. Nannie Jones was one of the first Sunday School superintendents. One of the most unforgettable Sunday School teachers was Miss Ida Carter, daughter of one of the founders. She is still active in church affairs.

On June 5, 1955, the congregation accepted Rev. R. W. E. Irwin as pastor for the third consecutive year. Rev. Walter Webster is assistant pastor. Mrs. Rhodell Driggins is superintendent of the Sunday School. The trustees are George Nelson, Walter Webster, Edward Ruff, George Dennison, Guy Dennison, David Middleton, Mrs. Anna Nelson, Mrs. Rachel Middleton and Mrs. Driggins.

KENNETT SQUARE BIBLE METHODIST CHURCH

The Kennett Square Bible Methodist Church was organized under the present pastor, Douglas B. Stirling in May, 1952. The meetings were held in the Century Club Building for thirteen months. A piece of ground was purchased on Route 1 at the eastern end of Kennett and meetings were held in a tent for two years during the summer months and at the home of the Pastor during the winter months.

A building was started with volunteer labor soon after the purchase of the ground. The first meeting was held in the first unit of the church this Easter Sunday 1955. The plans call for a two story brick building in colonial style as the work grows.

The church was founded on the doctrines of the early Methodist Church and stands upon the infallibility of the Bible as the true word of God. The local church is in the Evangelical Methodist Conference and the American Council of Churches.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

"To worship according to the faith and the discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church" was the determinedly expressed desire of a group of citizens, headed by Theo-

dore Hadley, living in the thriving town of Kennett Square and the farming district around it, during the last quarter of the 19th century. For some time before the charter was applied for, and granted, in 1882, services had been held in the old town hall. These were largely inspired by the efforts of the Canadian-born wives of two local residents, Mrs. Thomas Taylor and Mrs. Nelson Williams, who wished to see the Episcopal Church established in their adopted town. The cornerstone was laid in 1885 and on May 14, 1886, the church was consecrated by the Right Reverend William B. Stevens, Bishop of Pennsylvania. The Reverend G. Livingston Bishop was the missionary in charge of the church and was elected rector the following year. It was the venerable Peter Le Fever who named the church after the Church of the Advent in Philadelphia, where he had formerly worshipped.

All of the rectors of the past have contributed to the very limits of their capabilities. It is interesting to note that it was during the time of the Reverend Thomas J. Taylor (1901-1919) that the church tower and the first unit of the Parish House were built; that the Reverend William E. Warren, in his brief tenure (1922-1923) saw the church rearranged and the pipe organ installed; that the Reverend Charles E. Spaulding (1923-1926) arranged the purchase of the rectory; the Reverend W. Oliver Bellis (1928-1944) saw the extension of the Parish House and the construction of a basement kitchen; and that the Reverend J. Wesley Rennie (1944-1951) was responsible for the addition to the Parish House. The building of the walls would have been neither significant nor necessary if the growth of the congregation had not kept pace with it. Under the inspiring leadership of the present rector, the Reverend Elbert K. St. Claire, the congregation has increased to 281 communicants. Attendance at services has placed such a strain on church facilities that at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 11, 1955, the congregation voted to relocate the Parish House and Church. A building campaign was launched in May to raise the funds to build a new church, parish house, rectory and parking lot on grounds located on North Union Street.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

An item in the Kennett paper on September 23, 1882, was the first intimation to the general public that "the question of building a Baptist Church in this borough is being discussed. There are a number of Baptists in this borough and vicinity who feel the importance of having a place to worship."

But the ultimate organization of such a group had been assured the preceding year when a young man named D. Duer Philips, a member of the Brandywine Baptist Church, had come to Kennett Square from Chadds Ford to become cashier of the newly-organized bank. He attended services at the Presbyterian Church and took an active part in the

work of their Sunday School, but he was resolved that as soon as there were enough Baptists in Kennett to organize a church, he would join that group.

On October 11, 1882, the Committee of the Central Union Association of Independent Baptist Churches met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Duer Philips to consider the possibility of establishing a church in the borough. As a result of this meeting, the Association sent their Home Missionary, Rev. E. C. Romaine, to look over the field.

Services were held in Taylor Hall, located at the corner of Broad and Cypress Streets. On November 19, 1882, it was decided to organize a church and to call a council to consider its recognition. Representatives of seventeen churches met on December 18, 1882, and the church was organized on that date, with nineteen constituent members who brought their letters from other churches:

Mrs. Nellie Jane Mancill	Mrs. Mary Jane Webb
James L. Brown	D. Duer Philips
Mrs. Ruth Megilligan	S. Jones Philips
Edward Jessup	Elizabeth Garrett
Mrs. Sarah Ladley Jessup	David Zell
Martha W. Cox	Mrs. Sarah A. Zell
George W. Passmore	Benjamin W. Valentine
Mrs. Sarah A. Walls	Elizabeth Valentine
Mrs. Sidney Passmore	Mary E. Conathan
Mrs. Carrie P. Hollingsworth	

The first deacons were D. Duer Philips and David Zell. Matthew R. Davis was the first member received through the waters of baptism. The Rev. W. R. McNeill, a supply pastor, officiated at the ceremony, which took place in the waters of the Red Clay Creek, near the bridge on West State Street, on January 18, 1883.

On October 22, 1883, a lot at the corner of Cypress and Union Streets was purchased. On May 12, 1885, ground was broken for a neat, cozy little brick building designed by Pastor J. M. Lyons, who also painted a wonderful picture of the River Jordan on the wall behind the baptistry. This building was opened for worship on Sunday, October 4, 1885. Steady growth of the organization soon necessitated more room, so in 1897 an annex was added to the east side of the building.

With the passing years, this structure became too small, and on October 4, 1921, a site was purchased at the corner of West State and Garfield Streets. The parsonage was completed November 15 of that year.

November 28, 1926, was the last Sunday services were held at the Union Street building, and the following Sunday found full congregations seated in the pews which so recently had been fabricated and stored in the Terra Cotta Building on Meredith Street.

Since its organization, the church has been served by sixteen pastors:

J. M. Lyons.....	1883-1884
Clarence Larkin	1884-1898
J. Ryland Murdoch.....	1898-1902
Elmer W. Powell.....	1902-1906
J. Mason Wells.....	1906-1916
Randolf Merrill	1916-1918
Elias Auger	1919-1921
Bergen D. Stelle.....	1921-1926
F. Raymond Baker.....	1927-1929
Walter Charlesworth	1930-1934
William B. Ely.....	1934-1936
Lec V. Shane.....	1937-1941
G. Horace Wood.....	1941-1943
Leland M. Roth.....	1943-1948
Ira D. Hudgins.....	1949-1951
Richard J. Thomas.....	1952-

KENNETT MONTHLY MEETING

"At the Western Quarterly Meeting held 17th day of eighth Month in the year 1814; The committee on the Request of Friends in the Vicinity of Kennett Square report that it will be best their request should be granted; which is concurred in by the Quarterly Meeting." Thus, 141 years ago began the organized service of the Religious Society of Friends in Kennett Square. A meeting house was built in that year on the present location. The plot of ground was donated by Robert Lamborn. The original Meeting House was of modest stone construction, white-washed walls and a shingled roof, with entrances on the South and East. The original members were composed of Friends from New Garden, Old Kennett, New Garden and Center Meetings. Among those responsible for the formation of the Meeting were the Phillips, Chandler, Pennock, Mercer, Scarlett, Pierce and Way families. Early meetings were held at the home of John Phillips.

The original building was razed in 1873 and a new Meeting House constructed facing East State Street. One of the outstanding members of Kennett Meeting was Samuel Martin, who took an active interest in the new building and had founded the First Day School in 1869. Others who served were Swithin C. Shortlidge, Mary Ann Martin, and Lydia Walton. In the early 1900's the building facilities were brought up to date. In 1925 a large addition was built at the back to accommodate the First Day School. These rooms are used for community activities as well as for the Meeting activities. The present property of the Meeting includes the traditional burial ground which was the first in Kennett Square. Kennett Meeting is a part of Western Quarterly Meeting. There is a membership of approximately 270 with a First Day School of

about 50 children. William G. Shoemaker serves as clerk with Mrs. J. Coates Webb and Mrs. James Maxwell as assistant clerks and Caroline Megilligan, treasurer.

NEW GARDEN MEMORIAL CHURCH

The church was originally located at a place called Bucktoe. A plot of ground on East Linden Street in Kennett Square was purchased in 1904. The old blacksmith shop on the property, after alterations, was used for services. Levi Plater was in charge of the purchase of the land. Rev. James Ryder was pastor in 1910 when the present church was built. The church was dedicated in 1911 as the New Garden Memorial Church. The mortgage was burned in 1926 during the term of Rev. George B. Saunders. Under the leadership of Rev. John E. Harris, the auditorium was redecorated and new pews and pulpit furniture added in 1949. Borough, state and church dignitaries have participated in the ceremonies which marked important advancements in the church. Today it is considered one of the best churches, in its classification, in the Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland Conference. The Rt. Rev. O. W. Foward is Bishop and Rev. R. B. Hardin is pastor. Officers are L. L. Hazzard, secretary; Mary Douglas, Mamie Brooks, Alice Lee, Eva Hawkins, Margaret Warren, Mildred Carter, Sara B. Latta, Charles Latta, George Bond, Riley Jones, Harold Carter, Earl Jones.

KENNETT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The church was organized on November 1, 1862 with 24 charter members. The charter was granted June 13, 1864 and the church building dedicated in the fall of 1865. Rev. John S. Gilmor was the first pastor. A manse was erected in 1884, during the pastorate of the Rev. D. W. Moore. The early years of the 20th Century saw a steady growth in the church, which resulted in the erection of a new church building which was dedicated in 1910. By 1941 both the sanctuary and Sunday School departments were overcrowded, with the result that a



Early Presbyterian Church

building program was begun to rearrange the interior of the church sanctuary and extend the building. This project was completed in 1943 and the new addition dedicated. The Christian Education wing was dedicated in 1954. The present minister is the Rev. Herbert P. Landes.

SAINT PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The birthday of St. Patrick's Church in Kennett Square is Christmas Day, 1869. Previous to this date the Catholics of Kennett Square were attached to St. Joseph's Parish, Brandywine, Delaware. When the State of Delaware was separated from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on March 3, 1868, the Catholics of Kennett Square became part of the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, Ivy Mills. Under the direction of Reverend John Wall, pastor of the Church of St. Thomas, a church was erected in Kennett Square on West South Street. The first services of worship were held there on Christmas Day, 1869. This building is still standing.

The first resident pastor, Reverend James F. Kelly, took charge of Saint Patrick's in 1874. The Mission Church of St. Patrick's parish at Landenburg was dedicated in 1893, under the title of St. Francis Xavier. The present St. Patrick's Church on Meredith Street was dedicated August 9, 1907. The pastor at that time was the Reverend John O'Donel. Under the pastorate of Reverend Austin Grady, St. Patrick's School was built in 1927. The school is staffed by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Reverend Leo J. Phillips was rector from 1947 until his death this year. In January of this year, because of the illness of Father Phillips, Monsignor Howard R. Flood was appointed as Administrator of St. Patrick's parish. He and the Reverend Walter W. Fenwick, assistant rector are in charge until another appointment is made.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

The Reverend James Brown came to Kennett Square to establish a church in 1891. With the help of James Hensley, services were begun in Taylor's Hall at Cypress and Broad Streets. The church on South Willow Street was begun in 1892. Rev. Brown dug the first stone for the church from the quarry of John Diviney. The corner stone was laid in 1893. At first named Mount Calvary Baptist, the name was later changed to Second Baptist Church. Pastors who followed Rev. Brown were Rev. Haskins, Rev. J. Anderson, Rev. J. W. Suber and Rev. J. A. Taylor. New pews and new lighting were installed during the pastorate of Rev. Taylor. After the death of Rev. Taylor, the Reverend John Haley was called to the church. Members of the church have completed many improvements to the building under the leadership of Rev. Haley. James Desper is treasurer with Irene Scott serving as church clerk.

Education

EARLY SCHOOLS

The earliest schools were very small, usually patronized by the families living nearest to them. In 1825, Rebecca Gillingham conducted a school for girls and little boys at the home of her brother, Dr. Gillingham. This was "The Pines" which is just beyond the borough limits on the east. The school taught by Ruth Ann Chambers in 1830 was located in a grove near the Chambers homestead. The Walter School House was on the Walter farm just south of town. Number One School, east of town, was in charge of the Kennett Square Preparative Meeting. In 1834, Amy Pennock started a school in the garden of her father, Samuel Pennock.



This is Eaton Academy

Samuel Martin established a small private school in the borough about 1834. When it grew larger, he built the building on West State Street which now forms a part of the Friends' Boarding Home. This was known as "The Kennett Square Female Seminary." It was purchased in 1855 by Elisha Gatchell, M.D. and renamed the "Eaton Academy" in honor of Professor Eaton, a well-known New England instructor. The school passed through several hands and was purchased by Evan T. Swayne in 1865. It then became one of the chief educational institutions in southern Chester County. Mr. Swayne abandoned his occupation in 1877 when the Normal School became so popular that there was little demand for a private school. Dr. Franklin Taylor rented the property and sought to continue the work but was not successful. The building was used as a dwelling for a number of years until purchased in 1901 by the Western Quarterly Meeting.

Orange Green School was organized at London Grove in 1850 by Sidney and Lydia Pusey. The school was named for an orange tree which grew on the grounds of



Orange Green School

the Pusey home. The school was moved to the borough in 1854. The schoolroom, a frame building at the corner of Lincoln and State Streets, was removed a few years ago. The dormitory, a stone building next to this, is still standing.

Swithin C. Shortlidge opened a school on the third floor of old Borough Hall in 1867. Two years later the school moved to a large brick building which had been erected on South Broad Street. It then became a boarding school which was named the "Kennett Square Academy and Seminary." Mr. Shortlidge moved his school to Media in 1874. The building was occupied by the Hofwyl Academy for a short time.

Martin Academy, on East State Street, opened about 1878 and came under the direction of Kennett Monthly Meeting a few years later. Cedarcroft School, a preparatory school for boys, was established in the home built by Bayard Taylor and was attended by many local residents. The school operated in the early 1900's and was the last private school of any size in the immediate vicinity.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The first public school was built on East Cypress Street about 1850. In 1869, the school moved to a two-room building erected on Mulberry Street. This was later expanded to four rooms. A violent wind and rain storm inflicted great damage to the building in 1878. School was conducted in temporary quarters until repairs could be made. A High School was built adjacent to the Elementary School in 1915.

It became evident, as time passed, that consolidation with the adjoining rural districts would be advantageous from both an educational and financial standpoint. The matter of financing the project was an obstacle until Pierre S. duPont offered to provide the necessary funds beyond what it was possible for the community to raise. It was arranged to immediately put the matter before the residents of the community and on May 20, 1930, the elec-

tors of Independent Number 1 School District, New Garden and Kennett Townships and Kennett Square Borough decided by their ballots to erect a new and consolidated school. This vote resulted in the issuance of bonds totaling \$350,000. Mr. duPont, true to his pledge to the board, provided the additional \$900,000 necessary for the project.

The building, impressively situated at the climax of a long vista down South Broad Street, was begun November 1, 1930, and completed one year later. The total cost of the original building was \$1,109,000. In 1941 a new wing and a garage unit were added. The cafeteria was enlarged and an elementary wing completed in 1954. A new industrial arts-vocational agriculture wing will be ready for use this year. These improvements and additions were made possible by Longwood Foundation, Inc. and personal contributions from Mr. duPont.

A memorial organ installed in the school auditorium is dedicated to the memory of William Earle Rupert, supervising principal from 1917 until his death in 1951.

Milman E. Prettyman assumed the duties of supervising principal on July 1, 1952. Mr. Prettyman estimates that more than 2,000 pupils will be enrolled for the current school term. To meet the ever-increasing enrollment, the Board of Education plans to erect a new elementary school in New Garden Township. Members of the Kennett Consolidated School Board are: New Garden Township, Roland Pyle, Angelo Bertrando, Paul Middleton, Jr., Mrs. Collins, Ralph Sharpless; Kennett Township, William J. Scarlett, John M. Johnson, Robert L. Hershey, J. Walter Mercer, Edward D. Hannum; Independent Number 1 District, Norman L. Davidson, W. Milo Jackson, John L. Romig, Oscar H. Styer, Monroe L. Nute, Sr.; Kennett Borough, D. Duer Reynolds, J. J. Shoemaker, Mrs. Wilmer M. Hannum, Sharpless Worrall, Robert A. Craig.

Community Organizations

BAYARD TAYLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A group of interested citizens met at the home of William F. Wickersham in 1893 to consider the possibility of establishing a free public library as a memorial to Bayard Taylor. The group applied for a charter which was granted in January, 1895, in the name of the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library Association. Henry C. White was the contractor for the building which was erected on South Broad Street. Elaborate dedication ceremonies were held on September 12, 1896, with many relatives and friends of the author in attendance. Members of the first Board of Trustees were W. W. Polk, president; William F. Wickersham, secretary; D. Duer Philips, treasurer; S. Jones Philips, Joseph S. Heald, Edward Swayne, John L.

Balderston, M. P. Barnard, C. J. Pennock. Miss Alice Swayne was the first librarian. The library opened for use on September 28, 1896 and has been continuously operated since that time. Board members and others interested in the welfare of the library worked earnestly to clear the building of debt. The final payment on the mortgage was marked by a celebration in Library Hall in 1904.

On September 12, 1946, a program celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the library was held in the auditorium of the Kennett Consolidated School. Dr. Francis Harvey Green, who had been present



Bayard Memorial Library

at the dedication, shared the rostrum with Mrs. Joseph Renier, grand-niece of Bayard Taylor.

On December 19, 1951, the library closed for the first major alterations made to the building since it was built. Through the generosity of the Longwood Foundation, Inc. it was possible to make a complete rearrangement of the library floor, add new equipment and redecorate the first floor and outside of the building.

According to the first annual report of the librarian, 587 borrowers were registered during the year and 7,326 books loaned. Use of the library has gradually increased with circulation setting a record of 34,696 books loaned last year. The membership of 3,401 readers is drawn from the borough and surrounding townships. The library contains a book collection of approximately 15,000 volumes, magazines and newspapers, picture and pamphlet files, a clipping file and a reference file of periodicals. Special collections added in 1952 are the Harlan R. Cole Memorial Collection of reference books about antiques and the Jean Cox Roser Collection of books for children and art books. Over the years, friends and relatives of Bayard Taylor have contributed mementos of the author to form a permanent historical exhibit. These include books, paintings and manuscripts. Many gifts of books and magazines are received annually.

Until 1944, the library was supported by public subscriptions and the income from a small endowment fund. Since 1945, it has been a participating agency of the South-

eastern District Community Chest. An appropriation has been received from Borough Council since 1952 and from the School Board since 1953. The library has been fortunate in having board members who were actively interested in supporting and expanding library service. They work under the firm conviction that the public library is a necessary and valued adjunct to the community. Members of the present Board are John M. Johnson, president; J. J. Shoemaker, vice president; Sara E. Voorhees, secretary; Caroline Megilligan, treasurer; Charles T. Porter, Mrs. Joel M. Walton, Mrs. George Ladley, J. Robert Wilson, Robert L. Hershey. The librarian is Mrs. Harlan R. Cole who is assisted by Mrs. Worrall Chandler.

KENNETT SQUARE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A meeting of the merchants of Kennett Square was held on July 13, 1926, for the purpose of organizing an association of retail merchants to function as a Chamber of Commerce. The first officers were John H. Voorhees, president; Herman Schmaltz, Jr., vice president; Clyde J. Miles, Secretary; William H. Margerum, treasurer. The first annual meeting and banquet was held on January 11, 1927 at the American Legion Building. At a meeting held March 6, 1928, it was decided to admit auto dealers as a separate section. The By-Laws and the present name of the organization were adopted in May, 1930. At the meetings, mutual problems are discussed and an attempt made to establish a uniform policy for the members. At a meeting on January 25, 1944, Morton P. Darlington, one of the original and most faithful members, was unanimously given a life-time membership. The present membership is 59. Officers for 1955 are William J. McCord, President; C. Maxwell Pierce, vice president; M. D. Fulton, secretary; Walter Emmott, treasurer. Directors are Bernard D. Bolen, Walter Emmott, F. Walter Grace, William J. McCord, James Moore, Monroe L. Nute, Jr., C. Maxwell Pierce, Elias Silverstein, Sharpless W. Worrall.

AMERICAN RED CROSS KENNETT SQUARE BRANCH

Activity for the Kennett Square Branch began during World War I when women of the community met to prepare surgical dressings. There were twelve women in the group. Mrs. Harry Courson was the first chairman of the organization. At the time there was no organized fund drive, although the group would make a collection to meet an emergency need in the town. The scope of the local branch of the American Red Cross has enlarged considerably since that time. There is a disaster committee that gives assistance in case of fires or other local catastrophies. The blood donor program has met with considerable success. The blood receiving station is usually set

up in the basement of the Kennett Square Presbyterian Church. Through the blood insurance plan, group blood insurance is given to any group which has 35% of its membership donating, as well as to any family that has a member donor. The Grey Lady program provides volunteer workers in nearby veterans' hospitals and the nurses' aides serve civilian hospitals in a similar capacity. The local branch also has a canteen service for mass feeding and coordinates the help of local service groups to service and veterans' hospitals. First aid courses are given by qualified Red Cross instructors. A Motor Corps unit was formed last winter. Through its home service committee, the local branch lends assistance to servicemen and their families and acts as home contact agency for servicemen. A fund drive is conducted in March. Col. Howard C. Fair is chairman of the Kennett Square Branch.

KENNETT BRANCH No. 1 OF THE CHESTER COUNTY HOSP. AUXILIARY

Through the persuasive efforts of Dr. U. Grant Gifford, a group of twenty-six women, on October 16, 1919, met at the home of Mrs. Laura C. Booth for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary for the benefit of the Chester County Hospital, West Chester. This later became known as the Kennett Branch No. 1 of the Chester County Hospital.

At the first meeting Mrs. Booth acted as chairman and Miss Abbie Walter as secretary. At this meeting, also, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Laura C. Booth, President;
Mrs. Warren Sharpless, Vice President;
Mrs. Fredric Carey, Secretary;
Mrs. U. Grant Gifford, Treasurer.

In a few days Mrs. Carey resigned as secretary and Mrs. Albert Marshall took her place.

Mrs. Laura C. Booth, the founder, was to remain president until 1927 and vice president until her death. She was truly a loyal worker. A few years before her death Miss Booth's interest prompted the forming of Branch No. 2 by a group of colored women.

Much sewing was done in those days. Money also came from the renting of silver and dishes, benefit card parties, rainy day bags, and rummage sales which was turned into the treasury by many committees.

With the advent of the Community Chest the auxiliary signed up; now, once a year, they have a delightful card party and fashion show in the conservatory at Longwood Gardens. This nets a tidy sum which is turned over for use as those at the hospital see fit.

Through the years, the auxiliary has done much for the hospital, and with its present 213 members continues to do so.

The current officers are:

Mrs. Melvin Wood, President;
Mrs. John Maney, Vice President;
Mrs. L. E. Chappell, Secretary;
Miss Caroline Megilligan, Treasurer.

KENNETT BRANCH No. 2 OF THE CHESTER COUNTY HOSP. AUXILIARY

The Chester County Hospital Auxiliary, No. 2, was organized on the first Friday in September, 1928. Dr. U. G. Gifford, Mrs. Laura Booth, Miss Kirk and Miss Poole were active in sponsoring the organization. Mrs. Elizabeth Wright was the first president. The Auxiliary has given special beds, a moving picture machine, a deep freeze and other needed equipment to the hospital. Present officers are Mrs. Pearl Bladen, president; Mrs. Margaret Bladen, vice president; Mrs. Ida Brown, treasurer; Rhodell A. Driggins, secretary.

COMMUNITY NURSE COMMITTEE

The Committee was organized in 1918. Miss Abbie Walter was the first nurse. The committee were Mrs. Harry Courson, Mrs. S. Jones Philips and Mrs. Eugene Chandler. Mrs. P. S. duPont was interested and contributed liberally. The area now served is that included in the Southeastern District Community Chest. Cases have increased greatly, with 2,721 recorded in the last yearly report. Mrs. Robert Ebert is the present nurse. Committee members are Mrs. Wayne Staats, chairman; Mrs. William Philips, treasurer; Caroline Megilligan, secretary; Mrs. David P. Mason, Mrs. Frank Mundy, Mrs. Elwood Green, Mrs. J. J. Shoemaker, Elizabeth Buffington.

KENNETT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Several years ago, a project for community Christmas baskets was started by Leah and Walter Minshall. This grew by the financial assistance of organizations and individuals. A meeting was called in February, 1955 to consider establishing a permanent organization to help the needy. This was formed in March with the following officers: Leah Minshall, chairman; Elizabeth Buffington, secretary; Helen English, treasurer; Mrs. Elwood Green, Walter Minshall, Mary Miller, A. Duer Pierce, Jr., Milman Prettyman, Frank McCauley, David Richter, Jack S. Myles, committee. The community Christmas baskets will continue to be a project of this committee.

KENNETT COMMUNITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The possibility of having a local symphony orchestra was conceived by Dr. D. Duer Reynolds in the fall of 1941. After he discussed this plan with Ray Lyman Ott, its first and only conductor, it was decided to try to form such

an orchestra for community cultural betterment. Dr. Reynolds was its first president and the orchestra was originally sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Kennett New Century Club, the William W. Fahey Post, No. 491, American Legion and the Kennett Square Lions Club. Besides Dr. Reynolds the orchestra had Theodore Thompson, vice-president; Mrs. W. M. Hannum, secretary and Harold M. Roser, treasurer. Mrs. Hannum and Mrs. Roser have served in this capacity since its inception. Other presidents were Scott McMurtrie and Lewis D. Einstein. The present committee consists of Dr. John A. Zapp, president; Karl Forssmark, vice-president; Mrs. W. M. Hannum, secretary and Harold M. Roser, treasurer.

The orchestra is now patron sponsored. Dr. Ernest Shaeffer has been a long time member of this important committee. Mrs. Joseph Hannum now heads the patron committee.

The first concert was played on Tuesday evening, February 3, 1942. There were two concerts given this first season, and except for curtailment of some of the concerts during World War II, the orchestra has presented a regular season of three concerts.

The personnel of the orchestra numbers approximately fifty-five members.

The orchestra has a music scholarship fund which provides money to students of Kennett Square, Unionville and Avondale schools for further study in the field of music.

Bonafide symphony orchestras in small towns are a rarity and the committee feels justly proud to have such an orchestra and the splendid support of the community.

KENNETT SQUARE FIRE COMPANY No. 1

Kennett Square was twenty years old before there were any organized fire fighters or equipment for fighting fires. In the winter of 1874-75 the old pre-Revolutionary Unicorn Inn caught fire and burned to the ground. The effect of this fire launched the present fire company. Some forty citizens organized, and elected Isaac Richards, president; Nathan M. Garrett, vice president; Caleb P. Wickersham, secretary, and Elwood R. Green, treasurer. The officers presented a petition "numerously signed" to Borough Council and the outcome was a used hand pumper with hose and ladder. The old pumper will be on display during the Centennial. Robert Walker was the first fire chief. The hand pumper was the only piece of equipment, except a hose carriage, until 1901, when a chemical engine was purchased. A Silsby Steamer followed in 1905 and the first motorized truck in 1916. The present equipment consists of a 1,000 gallon, 750 and 500 gallon pumpers. Kennett and Longwood Fire Companies jointly own and maintain a tank truck for fires where water is not available. The first ambulance was



Kennett's First Pumper

bought in 1922 and a resuscitator in 1935. Both ambulance and fire duty operate on a volunteer basis.

The State Street building was erected in 1906. It provided an engine room, movie theatre operated by the fire company, and meeting rooms. In 1950, the theatre was leased to an independent operator. A new building, on South Broad Street, was dedicated in 1951. A clubroom was added to this in 1953. Initial funds for the building were raised by community subscription. Members of the fire company contributed many hours of voluntary labor and a considerable amount of material was supplied at cost. The Fire Company hopes to clear the building of debt this year.

William E. Voorhees was president from 1905 to 1949. A placque to his memory is in the cardroom of the new building. Other officers who gave years of service were Caleb P. Wickersham, Lewis P. McFarlan, M. P. Darlington, William Swayne, Roland W. Taylor, J. Warren Kitts, Thomas F. Grady, C. W. Keenan, William D. Warfel, Sr. and DeWitt M. Scudder. The present officers are Elwood R. Green, president; Joseph M. Stabler, vice president; Robert F. Goddu, recording secretary; Francis P. Mundy, treasurer; James Grant, financial secretary; E. S. Fisher, Charles Fox, Harry H. Moore, trustees. Thomas Kelly is fire chief with Earl Emerson as 1st assistant; Clifford Zell, 2nd assistant; Robert Veasey, captain; Robert F. Goddu, lieutenant; William F. Kavanaugh, Jr., chief engineer; Thomas A. Kelly, chief hoseman; William Riale, assistant chief hoseman.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO KENNETT SQUARE FIRE COMPANY No. 1

The Ladies' Auxiliary was organized September 15, 1947 with 28 charter members. The members are very proud of the fine quarters allotted to them in the fire company building. They have added equipment which enables them to serve banquets to large groups. Through these and other activities, the group has made substantial contributions to the fire company and the ambulance fund. The membership is now 283. Mrs. James Meadowcroft, Sr., is president.

KENNETT SQUARE AUXILIARY TO THE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WEST CHESTER

The Auxiliary was organized April 29, 1921. Dr. Hughes was present to explain the purpose of the meeting. Mrs. Caleb Jackson was the first president. Charter members were Mrs. Elwood Marshall, Mrs. C. G. Gawthrop, Estelle Marshall, Mrs. Joseph Gawthrop, Mrs. George Ladley, Mrs. Robert Dallas, Mrs. Elwood Cox, Mrs. William Lang, Anna Entriiken, Mrs. Sally Philips, Mrs. Charles B. Harvey, Elizabeth Kirk. At present there are 125 members. The auxiliary sponsors two semi-private rooms, completely equipped. It has also given substantial financial assistance to the hospital. Mrs. M. E. Becker is now president of the organization.

KENNETT SQUARE BRANCH NEEDLEWORK GUILD

The Kennett Square Branch of the Needlework Guild of America was organized in 1894 by Miss Anna Darlington, President of the West Chester Branch and Miss Sara A. Martin of Kennett Square with the following officers and directors:

President

Jane T. Barnard

Vice-Presidents

Mrs. Emma H. Larkin

Mrs. Alice Durham

Mrs. Lucy B. Polk

Mary W. Cranston

Secretary

Mrs. William H. Weldin

Treasurer

Susanna T. Jonson

Directors

Mrs. Anna W. Graham

Sarah A. Martin

Mrs. Eliz. M. Green

Eliza Thompson

231 garments were collected and distributed.

Two outstanding events are recorded.

The luncheon and Spring meeting held in the Presbyterian church in 1926 in honor of Madame Catell of France, who told of how much the Needlework Guild had done in her country. The other was the luncheon held at American Legion in 1930 when Mrs. Preston, National President of the Guild was the speaker.

Mrs. Charles Bernard held the presidency for the longest time—from 1915 until her death in 1938.

In 1954 our Kennett Square Needlework Guild collected 2,720 garments and money contributions of \$74.55. Approximately 500 of these garments remain in Kennett Square and are distributed by the Community Nurse and School Nurse. Nineteen Agencies in all received articles from our organization. At present our guild has 51 directors. The present officers are as follows:

President

Mrs. H. Chandler Bernard

Vice-Presidents

Mrs. Edgar White

Mrs. Ernest Saunders

Mrs. Thomas Kinsey

Mrs. M. E. Becker

Secretary

Mrs. J. J. Shoemaker

Assistant Secretary

Mrs. Richard Murphy

Treasurer

Miss Caroline Megilligan

KENNETT AREA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Kennett Square is the only town in Chester County offering a year-round program of leisure time pursuits, under the guidance of the Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board, and employing a full-time Recreation Director. This program is in the sixth year of operation. The stated purpose is "To promote, encourage and supervise the social, cultural and recreational activities in the borough of Kennett Square and the adjoining areas of Toughkenamon, Landenberg and Unionville." Recreation facilities in Kennett Square include the Mary D. Lang Playground and the Recreation Center located on Mulberry Street. This was formerly the site of the Public School. The major portion of the old school building was demolished, leaving the section now being used as the Recreation Center. A minute from the records of the Kennett School Board dated May 7, 1935 reads . . . "it was decided to allow the playgrounds' committee the use of the old school grounds for a playground, the grass to be kept mowed." Records show that the American Legion accepted responsibility for the installing of equipment and upkeep of the playgrounds as of June 3, 1936, until the Kennett Area Park and Recreation Board was appointed

in 1950. The board derives its authority from the Borough Council of Kennett Square, and receives operating funds from the borough and from the Southeastern District Community Chest of Chester County. The Directors of the Board for the current year are Donald C. Boughton, chairman; Richard M. Schoch, treasurer; Miss Marjorie Sinclair, Mrs. Wilmer L. Hannum, Rev. Herbert P. Landes, Sharpless Worrall, Raymond Crossan, Howard T. Rayne and Harold C. Wright. Jack S. Myles, Recreation Director, serves as the Executive Secretary of the board.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST

Organization of the Southeastern District Community Chest began at a meeting held in the American Legion Building in Kennett Square on July 26, 1944. A Board of Governors, composed of one person from each participating and contributing organization, was empowered to act for one year. Temporary officers were L. M. Hannum, chairman; William J. Scarlett, president; Samuel Harlan, treasurer; Harold M. Roser, secretary, C. Gilbert Hazlett, Mrs. Roland Grubb, Nicholas Nicotera, executive committee. The campaign goal for 1945 was \$23,025. The community chest organization is administered by the Kennett Area Civic Association. The officers for 1955 are Lewis D. Einstein, president; L. R. Bailey, Ashby Larmore, vice presidents; Richard T. Worrall, treasurer; Marion D. Fulton, secretary. The campaign goal for 1955 is \$25,609. Participating agencies are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Community Nurse, Bayard Taylor Memorial Library, Chester County Hospital Auxiliary No. 1, Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

BOY SCOUTS

In 1910, shortly after the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America, a troop of Boy Scouts was organized by Robert Schmaltz. A troop of 33 was organized under the same leadership in 1919 and became Troop 12 of the newly chartered Chester County Council. Soon becoming too large, the troop was divided into smaller groups which were sponsored by some of the churches. Leaders were Knowles Bowen, Robert Craig, Lee Jardot and Mr. Schmaltz. Others active in the early years were Joseph and Jesse Phillips, William D. Polk. Among the first Scouts were Thomas B. Worrall, William H. Everett, Clifford Findley, James Worrall, Sharpless Worrall, Edward Becker, Malcolm Burton and William Warfel.

The Cub Packs and Scout Troops in Kennett Square now have a membership of 263. Cubmasters are David Stoddard, Pack 12 and Leonard Pevar, Pack 24. Scoutmasters are Joseph F. Froning, Troop 12; James Gawthrop, Troop 53; Hayes Clark, Troop 24; David Bazano, Troop 57; and Walker Brown, Troop 60. Among

those who have served Scouting well in an official capacity are Laurence B. Sawyne, Carl W. Lofland and Monroe L. Nute. Both Mr. Swayne and Mr. Nute have received the Silver Beaver Award for "distinguished service to boyhood". Under the present leadership of Joseph H. Balthis, Chairman of the Octoraro District, and C. Mason Dunham, District Commissioner, scouting in the Kennett area and the entire district is attaining new records in membership and activities.

GIRL SCOUTS

One of the earliest leaders in scouting in Kennett Square was Mrs. Robert Merrick, who directed a troop of Girl Scouts in 1923. Mrs. William H. Baily, a member of the troop, still has her original uniform and scout book. Others active in the work were Mrs. Elias Auger, Mrs. Harrison Jackson and Mrs. Horace Sinclair, Sr. Mrs. DeWitt Scudder and Mrs. Harold Gawthrop, who served on the troop committee in 1931, did much to make scouting known, and conducted the first financial drive in 1932. Mrs. Herbert McKinstry was instrumental in gaining the interest of the Kennett New Century Club as a sponsor of the scout movement. Mrs. Maynard S. Alexander served as neighborhood chairman and started the first Brownie troop in 1944 with the help of Mrs. John W. Corman. Mrs. Russell P. Brewer has been associated with the Chester County Girl Scout Council, in various capacities for, the past 25 years. Under the leadership of Mrs. Roland Grubb, neighborhood chairman for 11 years, scouting expanded greatly. These are only a few of the many women who have served in Kennett Square. There are now 237 girls actively participating in 7 Brownie Troops, 6 Intermediate Troops and 2 Senior Girl Scout Troops. These girls are under the direction of 28 leaders who give their time and guidance each week throughout the year. The present neighborhood chairman is Mrs. George Fassett with Mrs. Charles Scherer as vice-chairman, and Mrs. John Tinder as secretary-treasurer. Members of the Chester County Girl Scout Council in this area are Mrs. Richard Ridgeway, Mrs. John Richardson, Mrs. William Farren, Mrs. Howard Young, Mrs. Rodman Ward. Mrs. Joseph Balthis serves as head of Camp Millstream, a Girl Scout Day Camp.

Clubs

KENNETT SQUARE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Kennett was organized in the autumn of 1948 and received a charter from the National Federation in December of that year. The first president was Mrs. C. Aubrey Thomas. In addition to supporting the projects of the Pennsylvania Federation, which consist of financial aid to Women's

Medical College in Philadelphia, a scholarship to the Maxwell School of Social and Political Science at Syracuse University and supporting a foreign exchange student, the local club carries on a project of dental work for needy children of the Kennett Consolidated School. The club usually sponsors one major fund-raising event each year for the benefit of these projects.

Through committees on public affairs, international relations, health and safety, education and vocations, legislation, national security, radio and television, the club seeks to promote active and alert citizenship among the business women of Kennett Square. Current officers are Mrs. Hubert Ebbecke, president; Hannah K. Johnston, first vice-president; Grace Crawford, second vice-president; Mrs. Robert Dennison, recording secretary; M. Evelyn Green, corresponding secretary; Rosalie Leto, treasurer.

KENNETT SQUARE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

The Kennett Square Golf and Country Club was chartered and incorporated December 18, 1922, with the following officers: John M. Chalfant, president; J. B. Swayne, vice-president; W. E. Voorhees, secretary; J. Walter Jefferis, treasurer. The membership was approximately 200. A clubhouse was built one mile north of Kennett Square. A nine-hole golf course was laid out with the aid of Donald Ross, nationally known golf architect. The course, which has been increased to eighteen holes, is now one of the finest on the eastern seaboard. A swimming pool was built in 1954. The country club membership has increased to about 370. Present officers are Francis R. Tworzydlo, president; J. S. Brown, Jr., first vice-president; L. M. Hannum, second vice-president; Sara E. Voorhees, secretary-treasurer; Francis R. Tworzydlo, J. S. Brown, Jr., L. M. Hannum, A. Duer Pierce, Trumbull Blake, George E. Dutton, Jr., E. R. Jones, George B. Hubbard, Dr. H. S. McKinstry, board of governors.

NEW CENTURY LODGE No. 1122 INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FELLOWS

New Century Lodge No. 1122, Independent Order Odd Fellows was constituted March 9, 1901. The first officers were Noble Grand, Franklin Bernard; Vice Grand, Harry D. Weaver; Secretary, Vernon T. Beeby; Treasurer, Pennell Taylor; Financial Secretary, A. W. Gregg. Meetings are held in the Auditorium building. Officers for this term are Noble Grand, John J. Drennen; Vice Grand, George Wellmier; Financial Secretary, William Sheridan; Recording Secretary, Harry Buffington; Treasurer, Charles W. Pyle; Right Supporter, Edgar White; Left Supporter, George Zell; Warden, Charles Mellotte; Conductor, Ezekiel B. Gheen; Right Seen Supporter, Walter P. Malin; Left Seen Supporter, W. Irvin Peoples; Chaplain, Walter

Hollingsworth; Out Side Guardian, Edward Eastburn; Inside Guardian, John Taylor; Vice Grand appointments, Right Supporter, Ralph Littleton; Left Supporter, Roy Pugh; Trustees, George Zell, Harry Buffington, John J. Drennen.

THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS' LEAGUE

The Italian American Citizens' League of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, was chartered under the laws of the Commonwealth on July 10, 1922, in a decree handed down by Court of Common Pleas of Chester County. The organization was founded primarily as a mutual aid society to provide both financial and moral assistance to its members, and to contribute directly and indirectly to the welfare of the community. The first officers were Archie Ruggieri, president; Frank Ferrari, vice-president; Nicholas Mattoscio, treasurer. In the early "thirties", the group erected a clubhouse at Waywood, east of the borough, which was later supplanted by the present building. The beautiful memorial to the pioneering spirit of the early founders of the League was erected in 1949 on a site opposite the former clubhouse. The most recent of many contributions of the League toward the welfare of the community has been to make the former clubhouse available for local Boy Scout activities. Present officers are Louis Cocciolone, president; Hugo Taraboletti, vice-president; William Manfredi, treasurer; Salvatore Santucci, recording secretary and Lawrence Giancola, financial secretary.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

The Ladies' Auxiliary was organized in October, 1952, with a membership of approximately 50. First officers were Mrs. Edgar Carozzo, president; Mrs. Kenneth Thomas, vice-president; Mrs. Hugo Maucher, treasurer; Mrs. John Ortaldo, recording secretary; Mrs. Anthony Pannell, corresponding secretary. The membership has increased yearly and now numbers more than 100. The Auxiliary contributes to various community projects and specializes in serving dinners to groups and wedding parties. Present officers are Mrs. Ernest Maraldo, president; Ann Tomaino, vice-president; Mrs. Gus D'Antonio, treasurer; Mrs. Albert Feliciani, recording secretary; Mrs. Richard Schoch, corresponding secretary.

KENNETT SQUARE GARDEN CLUB

The Kennett Square Garden Club was organized in March, 1934. Miss Laura K. Worrall was the first president. Membership is limited to 35 with 5 associate members. In the community the club sponsors a spring plant "give away", is responsible for civic planting and memorial trees, and cooperates with other clubs in the school

flower show. Two club members arrange flowers at the Pocopson Home each week. The club library has been given to the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library for the general use of the public. Members have acted as judges as well as exhibiting at nearby shows. The club is a member of the Brandywine Valley Association, Red Clay Valley Association and the Garden Club Federation. Officers are Mrs. W. Wallace White, president; Mrs. Wilmer M. Hannum, vice-president; Mrs. Carl W. Lofland, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. William O. Walter, recording secretary; Elizabeth Mitchell, corr. secretary; Mrs. Cyril Acheson, treasurer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAINT PIUS X, COUNCIL 3858

The Knights of Columbus in this area was organized through an initial ceremony on June 15, 1954 and held the first meeting on June 22, 1954. On organization the membership was 99 and has now grown to 158. Meetings are held at the Sons of Italy Hall at Kennett Square. The use of the hall is greatly appreciated by the members of the lodge. The first officers were Joseph Gormley, Grand Knight; John Deveney, Deputy Grand Knight; Francis McCauley, Chancellor; Edward Farber, Recorder; Philip Haw, Financial Secretary; Joseph Andriole, Treasurer; Frank Perna, Lecturer; George Brutscher, Advocate; John Curtin, Warden; John Gallo, Inside Guard; Michael Bove, Outside Guard; Anthony DeValiero, Andrew Connell, Nicholas Gallo, Trustees. The lodge sponsors a baseball team and other youth activities. Present officers are James Petrucci, Grand Knight; Vincent Loftus, Deputy Grand Knight; Edward Lynch, Chancellor; Joseph Fiori, Recorder; Philip Haw, Financial Secretary; Joseph H. Dewire, Lecturer; Joseph Andriole, Treasurer; George Brutscher, Advocate; William McGovern, Warden; Michael Bove, Inside Guard; Fred De Medio, Eugene D'Amico, Outside Guards; Harold Blake, Anthony DeValiero, Edward Farber, Trustees.

AUXILIARY TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, POPE PIUS X COUNCIL 3858

The Auxiliary was organized February 3, 1955 with twelve members present. The membership consists of Catholic women, over high school age, living in southern Chester County. The first annual Communion breakfast was held August 7, 1955. The Auxiliary assists the Knights of Columbus Council in promoting Catholic Youth Activity and Catholic welfare. Because of world situations, it was decided to dedicate the meetings to Our Lady Queen of Peace. Officers installed May 9, 1955, are Dora D'Emedio, president; Joanna Jones, vice president; Dolly Ferranto, secretary; Mary Haw, treasurer.

LIONS CLUB

The Kennett Square Lions Club, oldest major service club in the Kennett area, was organized March 2, 1925 with 27 charter members. During its thirty years of existence, over two hundred local men have been members. Of these, at least four have gained international recognition in Lionism and in professional accomplishment. The club joined the International Association of Lions Clubs in June, 1925. The first officers were William S. Worrall, president; George B. Scarlett, James M. Worrall, Joseph Way, vice-presidents; John Pratt, secretary; J. Walter Jefferis, treasurer; William N. Worrall, lion tamer; Carl W. Lofland, tail twister; William Lang, Charles G. Gawthrop, Henry W. Marshall, Herbert V. Lindsay, directors. The purpose of the Kennett Square Lions Club is to furnish organized leadership for community development by recognizing community needs, and effecting remedies for existing needs, either by independent effort or through cooperation with other agencies. The major activity of the club is promoting sight conservation and prevention of blindness, particularly among the children of the community. Officers elected in June, 1955, are William J. Scarlett, president; A. Bennett Darling, Robert W. Tunis, Lewis D. Einstein, vice-presidents; Richard M. Westfall, secretary; C. Beverly Hannum, treasurer; Francis W. Glaze, Jr., lion tamer; Edward H. Quigley, William G. Shoemaker, tail twisters; George K. LeVan, J. Walter Minshall, Charles T. Porter, Milman E. Prettyman, directors.

KENNETT LITTLE THEATRE

In the same year that Kennett Square was celebrating its 75th anniversary a small group of residents who were interested in the drama formed the "Kennett Little Theatre".

In the twenty five years since then, Kennett Little Theatre has presented several three act plays and innumerable one act plays and readings. They also have studied make-up, directing, authors, and contemporary drama. They have entered several play contests, and some of their members have earned awards for their acting. Little Theatre members have also been active in the pageant presented annually by the American Legion at Longwood Gardens.

In 1936 the Little Theatre began a pleasant association with the Kennett Lions Club in the presentation of a three act play, the proceeds of which were used for blind prevention work.

In 1945 the Kennett Little Theatre Scholarship Fund was initiated. Since then, a scholarship play has been presented each year. The money raised is given promptly in scholarships to Kennett High School graduates. All the money in the fund is kept separate from the regular treasury. Since 1945, eighteen Kennett graduates have re-

ceived forty-six grants and two loans, totalling eight thousand seven hundred and twenty five dollars (\$8,725) from this fund.

The first meetings were held in "Library Hall" in the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library. Here, too, were given their first plays, on a small stage fitted with curtains, flats, and temporary footlights. Most of the meetings in the early years were held in the homes of members. In 1947, however, the generosity of the late Mr. Pierre S. duPont made available for use the Longwood Meeting House. They have held most of their subsequent meetings there.

During their twenty five years, they have produced a number of well known plays, including "Blithe Spirit", "Papa Is All", "The Night of January Sixteenth", "The Dover Road", "The Man Who Came to Dinner", "Arsenic and Old Lace", "Pygmalion", "Harvey", and, most recently, "Arms and the Man".

The vitality and interest of the group members is manifested in the fact that even though only one charter member is still active in Little Theatre work, the Kennett Little Theatre is still very much a going concern. In the past year, in addition to their scholarship play, they produced one act plays for Kennett Rotary, Kennett New Century Club, and the Eastern Star. They also presented a "Night of Three One Acts" for the entertainment of their patrons and advertisers.

KENNETT LODGE No. 475, F. & A. M.

Acting upon the petition of eighteen men, a Masonic Lodge was constituted in Kennett Square, in 1870. The first meeting was held in old Borough Hall in July, 1870. Officers were Samuel Hershberger, Master; Nathan S. Lewis, Senior Warden; Joseph Kilgore, Junior Warden. On July 14, 1883, the lodge moved to a new location in the Chalfant Building. The lodge continues to occupy quarters in the building which is now known as the Voorhees Building. Present officers are William D. Anderson, Master; Bradford Bowman, Senior Warden; Julian Thomas, Junior Warden; J. Warren Kitts, secretary; J. Howard Gawthrop, treasurer.

KENNETT NEW CENTURY CLUB

The Kennett New Century Club was organized February 22, 1896 by a small group of progressive Kennett women, advised by members of the Wilmington New Century Club. The stated purpose was "To get women together and acquainted, to get them to think together, and after a time to work together for the common good of the community" There were 45 charter members. Mrs. Taylor Scarlett was the first president. First meetings were held in the Swayne Building. In the fall of 1896, the club moved to permanent quarters in Library Hall. In 1897 the club became federated. In 1923 it was incorporated

and purchased ground upon which to build. The clubhouse on Cypress Street was dedicated in October, 1927. Membership has increased to 180. The club does not have a closed membership and welcomes interested women of the Kennett area. The club has pioneered in many educational and civic activities, has sponsored new organizations and contributed financially to many. Officers are Mrs. John L. Maney, president; Mrs. Merrill Myers, 1st vice-president; Mrs. John R. Hosch, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Roy M. Miller, recording secretary; Miss Mary B. Miller, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Thomas F. Arden, treasurer.

KENNETT SQUARE CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR No. 513

The Kennett Square Chapter No. 513, Order of the Eastern Star, was constituted February 16, 1952 with 68 charter members. The presiding officers at that time were Mrs. Cyrus L. Thomas, Worthy Matron, and Wilbor E. Hannahs, Worthy Patron. Through the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania the local chapter assists in rehabilitation in the veterans' hospitals, financial awards for students in religious education and training and other worthy projects. The chapter has enjoyed a steady growth since its organization. Present officers are Mrs. J. Earl Griffith, Worthy Matron, and Wilbor E. Hannahs, Worthy Patron.

OPTIMIST CLUB

The Optimist Club of Kennett Square received its charter on October 5, 1949. Dr. William H. Everett was the first president of the club. The motto of the club, "Friend of the Boy", has been carried out in various ways. One of the first activities was transporting three busloads of boys who had never seen a big league ball game to witness a Phillies game. The club sponsors a Little League baseball team, a farm team for boys too young for Little League, and the Kennett Choppers, a fully equipped football team for boys up to about the age of 15. A Little League ball field was built and is maintained on the northern edge of town. The ground was donated for use by Harold C. Wright, a past president. Funds for this and other projects were raised by activities ranging from bakes to scrap drives. Another source of income is the Kennett Horse Show. This event, sponsored by the club for the past three years, is becoming one of the best small horse shows in this section of the country. In 1953, the club gained international recognition by having the highest percentage of attendance of any club in Optimist International. Officers of the club for this year are Alfred Delduco, president; H. Edwin Thomas, Anthony Rizzotte, W. H. Marston, Fred Hirsch, vice-presidents; Aurelio Baccino, secretary; Paul Middleton, Jr., treasurer; Paul Dewire, sergeant at arms.

KENNETT SQUARE ROTARY CLUB

In 1949, a group of business and professional men in Kennett Square, desiring to become better acquainted for the purpose of rendering greater community service, explored the possibility of obtaining a charter for a Rotary Club. With the West Chester club as sponsor, negotiations were completed and the charter presented to the new club at a banquet held at the Kennett Square Golf and Country Club on November 1, 1949. The first officers were James N. J. Meadowcroft, 3rd, president; Isaac P. Davis, vice-president; George Freter, secretary; William E. Voorhees, treasurer; Samuel H. Rizzotte, sergeant at arms; H. B. Chalfant, Joseph Kanofsky and Arthur C. Whittier, directors. Membership in Rotary is limited by classifications, whereby each business or profession is represented by one man, with provision for an additional active member. This provides a means for forming an effective organization which reaches into every distinct business and professional service within the community. The club has enjoyed a slow but steady growth, having a current membership of forty. Among the achievements of Kennett Rotary are sponsoring a Boy Scout troop; boys' basketball and baseball teams; bicycle safety campaign; sending two boys to Camp Delmont each year for leadership training; audiometer to test the hearing of school children; scholarships totalling \$500 granted each year to graduates of Kennett Square and Unionville High Schools; clothing drives for Korea and Germany; raised \$2,550 towards a new ambulance. Last year the club entertained Alain Chaintron, a young student from Paris, as a guest in Rotary homes for eight weeks. This year a similar visit has been arranged for Christian Velder, a student from West Berlin. While in America, these young men have an opportunity to visit industries, schools and farms, and to observe family life. The club aspires to make this an annual project. Present officers are Harvey E. Atkinson, president; John A. Zapp, vice-president; William R. Errett, secretary; Fred Abbondi, treasurer.

THE SEEDLINGS

The Seedlings, newest of the three garden clubs in Kennett Square, was organized in April, 1954, under the sponsorship of Spade and Trowel. It is now a member of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. The interests of the club are in the fields of both horticulture and flower arrangement. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the homes of the members. Membership is limited currently to twenty-five.

The first president of the club was Mrs. Charles Shoemaker. Current officers are: president, Mrs. Robert McKinstry; vice-president, Mrs. John Andreen; recording secretary, Mrs. Jon Govatos; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Calhoun; and treasurer, Mrs. Albert Dutton.

UNITED LODGE No. 664 ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

Under the name of Lodge Machiavelli, the first Sons of Italy Lodge in this area was established in Avondale in 1917, with Archie Ruggieri as Venerable (president). Lodge Imperiale was organized in Kennett Square and merged with the Avondale order in 1944. Under the merger the lodge is now known as United Lodge No. 664. Spirito Capra was elected to serve as its first Venerable. The membership, now more than 400, find worthwhile activities, broad interests, relaxation, and good fellowship in the lodge. A two-story brick building was erected just outside the borough in 1949. The facilities of the building have been made available to various local organizations to help promote youth activities. The Ladies' Auxiliary, known as the "Sunshine Guild", assists with lodge projects. The lodge sponsors a football team for the youth of the community, irrespective of race, color or creed. The members of United Lodge help to maintain the Dante School, an orphanage located at Concordville, and a modern addition which provides for the care of aged members of the lodge. The Order Sons of Italy in America is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year. Present officers of United Lodge are Mrs. Gus D'Antonio, Venerable; Charles Fiore, assistant Venerable; James Petrucci, secretary; Mrs. Anthony Di Norscia, financial secretary; Eugene Di Filippo, Sr., treasurer; Louis Strengari, Sr., ex-Venerable; Henry Raimato, orator; Alphonso Vattilano, guard; Mrs. Paul Della Pelle, Mrs. Louis Strengari, Sr., mistresses of ceremonies; Mrs. Paul Pesce, Alfred De Felice, John Fecondo, Frank Di Cristofaro, trustees.

SOUTHERN CHESTER CO. SPORTSMEN'S AND FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

At an organizational meeting at the Recreation Center on March 16, 1948, Game Protector Peter J. Filkosky outlined the purpose of a sportsmen's club in the Kennett Square area. A constitution was adopted and officers elected at a meeting on March 30, 1948. The first officers were Warrington Guthrie, Jr., president; James Crawford, vice-president; Donald McKelvie, secretary; J. Walter Minshall, treasurer. Membership in the first year was about 300. The organization has since created a junior membership for those 16 years of age or under, for the purpose of teaching young people to become better sportsmen and skilled in the handling of firearms. Club projects include propagation of pheasant and quail; winer feeding; stocking streams; conservation and reforestation and a general program to conserve wildlife and promote good sportsmanship. The club issues a monthly magazine and makes a yearly contribution to the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library. The membership is now about 1,600. The present officers are Eugene Bertogli, president; George Wellmeier, vice-president; Merle Hostetter, secretary; Leon Mazzio, treasurer.

SPADE AND TROWEL GARDEN CLUB

The club was organized in 1939 under the sponsorship of the Kennett Garden Club. Membership is limited to 25 with 4 associate members and 2 honorary members. A beautification program for the community was established in 1944. In 1948, contributions were made for memorial trees in this vicinity and on the Blue Star Memorial Highway. The club is very active in the community. Each year it distributes seeds to school children and sponsors a school flower show. A year-round flower pick-up collects from ten local flower growers each week for Valley Forge Hospital and the Pocopson Home. The club has donated books to the Bayard Taylor Library, sent gifts and seeds abroad and assisted with Chester County Day. A Community Flower Show is held each year. Members have successfully exhibited at adjacent shows and the Philadelphia Flower Show. Officers are Mrs. A. B. Darling, president; Mrs. A. Duer Pierce, Sr., vice-president; Mrs. M. S. Alexander, recording secretary; Mrs. Phillip Janvier, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Thomas Jackson, treasurer. The club is a member of the Garden Club Federation, Brandywine Valley Association and Red Clay Creek Valley Association.

WYANOKE COUNCIL No. 278 DEGREE OF POCAHONTAS

Wyanoke Council No. 278 was instituted on June 7, 1923 with 42 charter members. The Degree of Pocahontas is one of the oldest fraternal orders in existence. The first officers were Emma Fox, Pocahontas; Bertha Miles, Prophetess; Elizabeth White, Wenonah; Erma Street, Powhatan; Anna Palmer, Keeper of Records; Carrie Cooper, Collector of Wampum; Elsie Sill, Keeper of Wampum. The council, which meets bi-monthly in the Auditorium building, now has a membership of 60. Current officers are Myrtle Allaband, Pocahontas; Sara Woodward, Prophetess; Marie James, Wenonah; Ruth Hipkins, Powhatan; Dorothy Hartman, Keeper of Records; Mary Dudley, Collector of Wampum; Edith Newell, Keeper of Wampum.

WYANOKE CRAFT DAIRY MAIDS #278½

Wyanoke Craft and Dairy Maids No. 278½ was instituted on January 25, 1926, with 32 charter members. The first officers were Mary Shivery, Past Chief Dairy Maid; Victorine Wilkinson, Chief Dairy Maid; Grace James, Assistant Chief Dairy Maid; Lydia S. Levenite, Guard of the Dairy; Jennie Russell, Secretary of Cow Language; Florence Bird, Collector of Pails; May Grant, Keeper of Pails. This is a fun and fellowship lodge, to which only members of a Pocahontas Council are eligible for membership. The local branch received a distinctive honor in 1951, when Blanche W. Brown became State Chief Dairy Maid, the highest office attainable. There are

now 47 members whose officers are Sara Woodward, Past Chief Dairy Maid; Emma Ruoss, Chief Dairy Maid; Myrtle Allaband, Assistant Chief Dairy Maid; Ruth Hipkins, Guard of the Dairy; Grace Hackman, Secretary of Cow Language; Mary Dudley, Collector of Pails; Dorothy Hartman, Keeper of Pails.

Military Organizations

CARTER-MILLER-JOHNSON POST NO. 8984 V.F.W.

The Carter-Miller-Johnson Post No. 8984, V. F. W. was instituted in December, 1948. The post was named in memory of Joseph Carter and Cheyney Miller, veterans of World War I and Oscar Johnson, veteran of World War II. The post home on Birch Street was acquired during the administration of the first commander, Harold Carter. Projects include work in veterans' hospitals and assistance to the needy in the community. The present commander is Curtis Watson.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, CARTER-MILLER- JOHNSON POST, No. 8984, V.F.W.

An organization meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held in October, 1948. The first officers were Mrs. Rodman Cook, president; Mrs. James Jones, secretary; Mrs. Harold Carter, treasurer. The auxiliary has promoted parties at veterans' hospitals, donated Christmas baskets and other assistance for the needy. The late Mrs. Monte Miller was the only Gold Star mother among the membership. Officers installed June 14, 1955, are Mrs. James Hawkins, president; Mrs. Charles Latta, secretary; Mrs. Howard Driver, treasurer.

SWAYNE-CAMPBELL-TESTA POST No. 5467, V.F.W.

The Swayne-Campbell-Testa Post No. 5467, V. F. W. was instituted February 6, 1946 with 188 charter members. The organization was named for three men of the Kennett area. These were Lawrence Swayne, who died in Czechoslovakia; Noel Campbell, reported missing in action in South Africa, and Anthony Testa, killed in action in New Guinea. The post was enlarged by joining with the West Grove post in April, 1949. The post home was acquired in the same year. The first commander was J. Norman Connell. The post continues to grow and participates in many community activities. Present officers are Anthony DeLaurentis, commander; August Racca, senior vice commander; Herman Ferraro, junior vice commander; Richard Edwards, quartermaster; Calvin Brackin, adjutant; Charles Ferraro, chaplain; A. A. Delduco, post advocate; Linton Mercer, surgeon; J. Jackson Woods, service officer.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, SWAYNE-CAMPBELL-TESTA POST, No. 5467, V.F.W.

Plans for the organization were begun in July, 1947. The auxiliary was instituted October 6, 1947 with 26 charter members. The first officers were Mrs. Ada Becker, president; Mrs. Anna Newell, Sr., Mrs. Cosmo Bugliani, vice-presidents; Mrs. Rose Bertogli, secretary; Mrs. Lena Dyer, treasurer. Meetings were held at the homes of members until the post home was acquired. There have been three Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. Mabel Swayne, Mrs. Lillian Campbell and the late Mrs. Testa. Various fund-raising activities have enabled the auxiliary to assist the post financially. Other projects sponsored by the group include first aid classes, contributions to the needy, Christmas baskets, parties at veterans' hospitals, Heart Fund and Buddy poppies. Present officers are Anna Bonifacino, president; Helen De Laurentis and Erminio Odorisio, vice-presidents; Eleanor Steimle, treasurer; Edith McKay, chaplain; Marian Johnson, conductress; Frances Baccino, guard; Rose Bertogli, secretary; Evelyn Messick, patriotic instructor; Clara Cox, flag bearer; Hazel Taylor, banner bearer; Marie Irvin, historian; Margaret Bonsall, Marie Irvin, trustees. The organization is dedicated to "honor the dead by helping the living".

WILLIAM W. FAHEY POST No. 491 AMERICAN LEGION

The William W. Fahey Post No. 491, American Legion, was organized in the fall of 1919. Dr. Carl W. Lofland, who devoted much time to the work of organizing, became the first commander. The charter was issued August 1, 1920. The meetings were held in various places until the present building was erected. Money to erect the building was raised by selling non-interest bearing bonds. The first bond was sold to William A. Sheridan. The original members worked earnestly to keep the building going and pay off the bonds. Many persons donated bonds and the



American Legion Building

remainder have all been paid off by the post. The Ladies' Auxiliary contributed towards the debt with funds raised by serving banquets. The post membership of 485 is comprised of veterans of World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict, who have served their country honorably. A service organization, the post participates in the following Americanism activities: sponsors a Boy Scout troop; promotes junior athletics; American Legion school medal awards to five schools; conducts an essay contest in three high schools; entertains hospitalized veterans; conducts a flag education program; presents flags to schools and other organizations; civilian defense; contributes to Tide of Toys, CARE, Scotland School, Keystone Boys Camp and to community agencies. The proceeds to carry out the program come from the annual pageant held at Longwood Gardens through the cooperation of the Longwood Foundation, Inc. The officers for 1955 are commander, Harvey Polen; vice-commander, Edward J. Nilan, Jr.; adjutant, Clifford Findley; finance officer, Samuel Goss; chaplain, Herbert Landes; historian, John Fiore; sergeant at arms, Lee Jardot and William Brown.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, WILLIAM W. FAHEY POST N. 491, AMERICAN LEGION

The Auxiliary to the William W. Fahey Post No. 491 was established in 1921 for the purpose of supporting and aiding the post in carrying out a program of community service and veteran rehabilitation. Without deviating from the original purpose, the Auxiliary has also carried out many independent endeavors. Mrs. Horace Sinclair, Sr., was the first president. The Frances Sinclair Award, given annually to the outstanding senior history student at Kennett High School, was established in her honor. The countless banquets served by the Auxiliary have been an important source of income for the activities sponsored by the group. These include aid to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Seeing Eye, Little Theatre, Scotland School, community playground, Pennock Memorial Park, Christmas baskets, Community Chest, March of Dimes, Needlework Guild, civilian defense, Americanism Medal Award and Bayard Taylor Memorial Library. Members serve as volunteer workers at the Coatesville Veterans' Hospital. Planned entertainment is provided throughout the year for the veterans' hospitals in the area. The organization owns six wheel chairs which are loaned where needed in the community. Present officers are Mrs. Ralph Peters, president; Mrs. Leroy Holsinger, first vice-president; Mrs. Peter Lantos, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles Blittersdorf, treasurer; Mrs. Drayton Russell, corresponding and recording secretary; Mrs. Lee Jardot, historian; Mrs. Harold Arnold, sergeant at arms.

Kennett Square Centennial Queen Candidates



Miss Charlene Reynolds
V. F. W.



Miss Mary Pesce
Sons of Italy



Miss Eleanor Reed
Po-Mar-Lin



Miss Janet Cleaves
Kennett Grange



Miss Judith Cain
Seedlings & Kennett
Square Country Club



Ruthann Dunn
Lions Club



Miss Irene Boyd
Business & Professional
Womens Club of Avondale



Miss Elaine Gordon
American Legion and
Auxiliary



Miss Dorothy Hickey
Optimist's Club



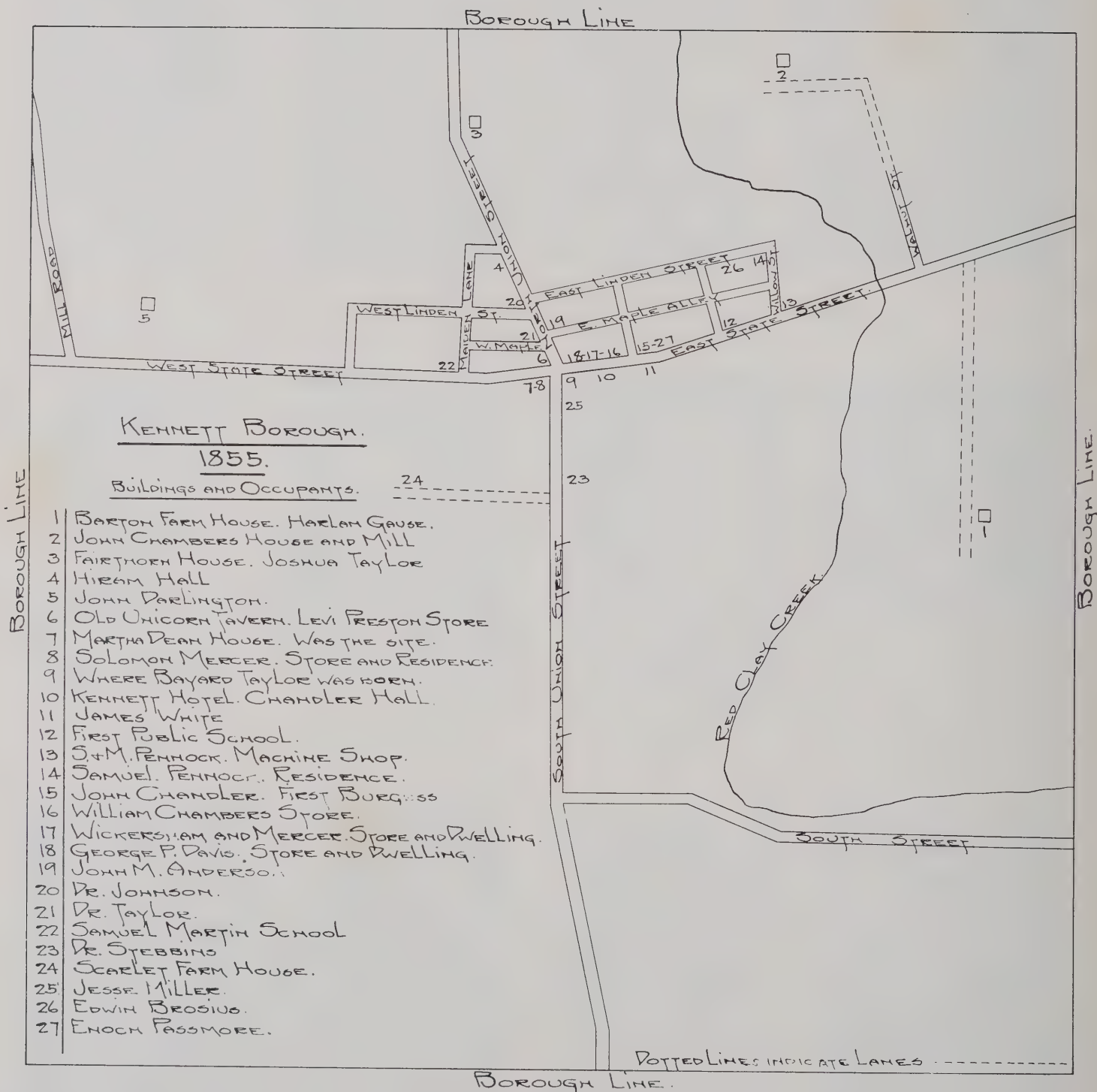
Miss Rose Marie DeFazio
Italian American Citizens
League



Miss Rita Donohoe
Newberry Store



Miss Charlotte Cummings
Bell Telephone Co





MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF KENNETT SQUARE

JAN 1948 -- SCALE 1:200
NOV. 1951
DEC 1954
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ROAD ENGR.

Key to Map

1. Municipal Building, Linden & Broad Sts. Here are the offices of the Burgess, tax collector of taxes and water rents, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and the police station and the jail. Free borough parking lot surrounds this building.
2. Newspaper office.
3. United AME Church.
4. New Garden Memorial UAME Church.
5. Second Baptist Church.
6. East State Street Friends Meeting House.
7. Union Building, which houses the U. S. Post Office, the Warrenton, Union Telegraph Office, the Legion Auditorium, and several commercial establishments.
8. Street Line Bus Terminal in Green Gate Grille.
9. Chester County Light & Power Co. offices for electricity and water utilities.
10. National Bank and Trust Company Building. Bell Telephone company building can be paid here.
11. Auditorium Theatre.
12. Deardard Taylor Memorial Library.
13. Trailways Bus Terminal in Connor's Pharmacy.
14. Friends Home.
15. First Baptist Church.
16. St. Patrick's Church and Parochial School.
17. Kennett New Century Clubhouse.
18. Kennett Fire Company clubhouse and club room.
19. Church of the Advent (Episcopal).
20. Kennett Square Presbyterian Church.
21. Mary D. Long Playground and Recreation Building.
22. James H. R. Freight and Express Office.
23. Kennett Consolidated School.
24. Hans. Fennema Memorial Park.
25. The Plaza.
26. Munsterman Transportation Co.
27. Owen Engineering Co.
28. Mushroom Growers Co. Operative Assoc. of Pa.
29. American Viscose Co.
30. Kennett Equipment and Machinery Co.
31. Tricote Knitting Mills.
32. C. G. Gawthrop Co.
33. Fibre Specialty Mfg. Co.
34. Phenolic Co.
35. Lock Joint Pipe Co.
36. Kennett Corning Co.
37. Borough Disposal Plant.
38. Presbyterian Home.
39. Borough Water Works.
40. Floodfield Home.

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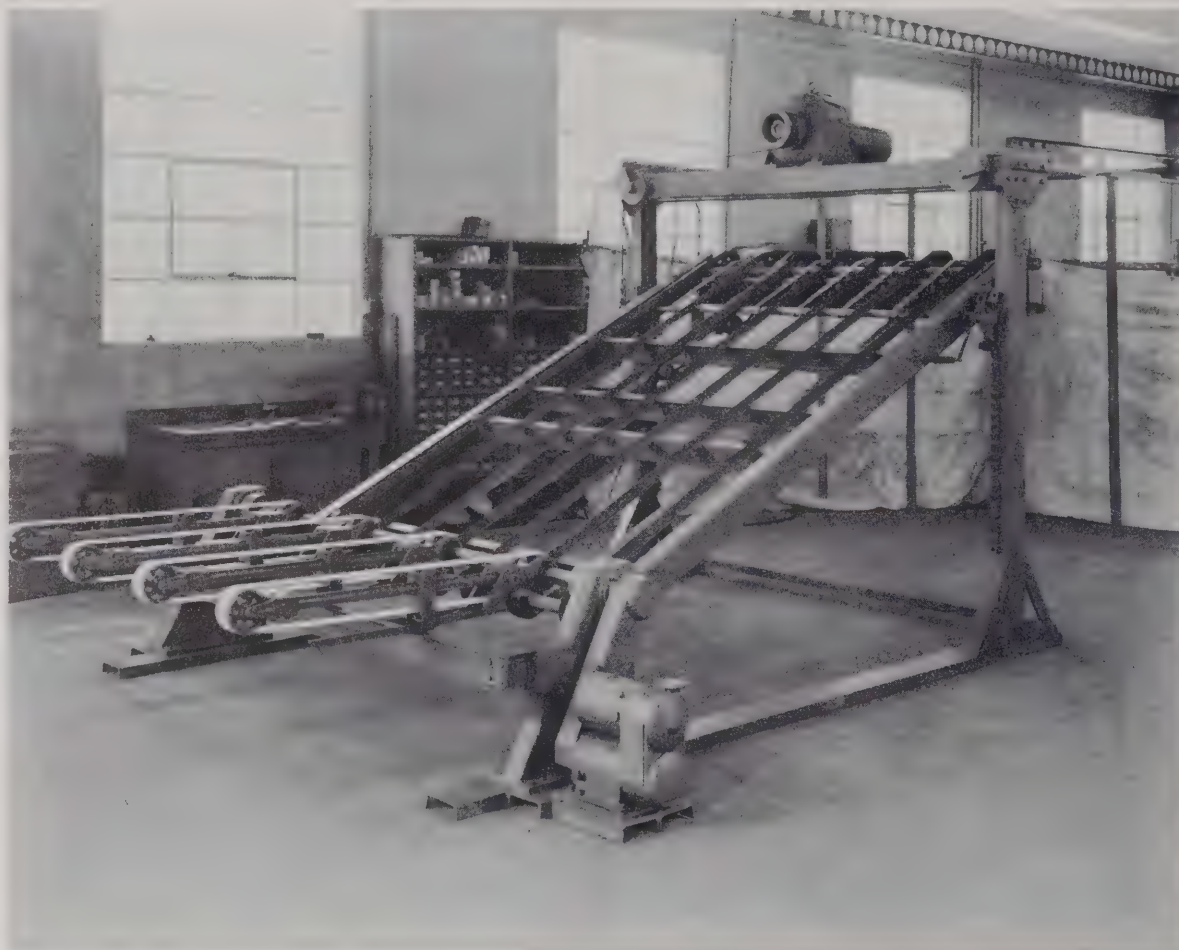
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MUSHROOM GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA KENNETT SQUARE, PA.

America's mushroom industry started in Kennett Square about 1890. During the next 35 years it expanded gradually. It received its greatest impetus after the close of World War I when pure culture mushroom spawn was developed. Certainty of crops resulting from the improved spawn caused a real "mushroom growth" in the industry. Concentration of the industry, however, brought many cultural problems. Insect injury and fungus diseases affecting the crops caused great loss. Scientific advice on meeting the problems facing the mushroom grower was not then available.

In late 1925 the Mushroom Growers Co-operative Association of Pennsylvania was organized. One of its first objectives was to secure the assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture in establishing a mushroom research project. Pennsylvania State College (now University) was also encouraged to set up a mushroom research project. Association funds built the two experimental mushroom houses still in use at Penn State. Results from research have added materially to the well being of the industry and the Kennett Square area.

The Association has worked consistently to broaden the market for our locally produced delicacy. It provided one of the greatest days in Kennett Square's history when on October 21, 1930, a special train of fourteen cars, including two dining cars, drawn by two locomotives, arrived at Kennett from New York. On board were more than 300 hotel managers, stewards, chefs,

and headwaiters of hotels located in New York, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Washington. Newspaper and magazine writers were added guests. Auguste Escoffier, dean of French chefs, then 85 years old, and Oscar of the Waldorf were among those honoring the industry. A caravan of 125 automobiles led the group to growing plants, spawn producers, and mushroom canneries. At dinner time the ladies of the American Legion served 530 dinners with such dexterity that Messrs. Escoffier and Oscar requested the privilege of personally meeting and commending them for a fine meal handled in a style that even they envied.

Through 30 years Association efforts have been directed toward legislation in Washington beneficial to the industry as well as in opposition to law changes adverse to the producers. During World War II operating supplies were made available by the War Production Board through continuous Association representations.

The Association owns two properties located on Birch Street in Kennett Square. The three brick buildings, originally built by the West Chester, Kennett and Wilmington Electric Railway, are used for production of M.G.A. grain mushroom spawn, of which the Association was the pioneer commercial producer. The stone building, originally built for a creamery, is occupied by Mushroom Co-operative Canning Company. In season it gives employment to 125 persons. Its canned products are marketed on a nation-wide basis.



The Tunis brothers, Dick and Bob, began their business venture in a chicken house on their father's farm, south of Kennett Square, in 1936. The first products manufactured were insecticides for the dairy and mushroom trade. In 1938 they ran out of chicken houses and moved to the old Gawthrop fertilizer plant at Broad and Birch Streets in Kennett Square. At the same time they expanded their operation to include distribution of agricultural equipment and supplies. In 1949 they built their present building at Washington Street and Baltimore Pike where increased facilities for the servicing of equipment, display of hardware, lawn and garden supplies, and manufacture of insecticides were provided.



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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

June 30, 1955

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash and Due from Banks.....	\$ 1,416,594.78	Capital	\$ 250,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds.....	3,138,225.67	Surplus	350,000.00
Other Bonds and Stocks.....	1,173,953.77	Undivided Profits	236,373.63
Loans and Discounts.....	4,774,203.14	Reserves	198,000.00
Banking House	30,000.00	Dividends Payable 7-1-55.....	12,500.00
Other Assets	102,293.74	Demand Deposits	5,644,049.53
		Time Deposits	3,944,347.94
	<u>\$10,635,271.10</u>		<u>\$10,635,271.10</u>

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PIERCE'S SUPER MARKET

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KENNETT SQUARE, PA.

One of Kennett Square's oldest independent businesses was started in 1904 by the late B. Frank Pierce. In that year he established the retail meat business which is still conducted by his son, C. Maxwell Pierce. Mr. Pierce's policy was that of always selling nothing but the finest quality meats available. To assure this quality he also had an abbatoir, furnishing his clients with fine, home-dressed meats. In 1922, his son, A. Duer Pierce, established a wholesale business specializing in country sausage and scrapple which his father had established an enviable reputation for, catering to the Philadelphia, Delaware, and Chester County markets. In March of 1954, the wholesale establishment management was taken over by John Price, of Chester, Pa., who continues the same policy. The first retail market was established in the old Swayne block on State Street. In 1922, Mr. Pierce bought at lot at #113 South Union Street and built a new market which has housed the Pierce Market until August of this year. May 1st, of this year, Mr. C. M. Pierce, owner of the Pierce Market, purchased the Bacino building at the corner of Cypress and new West Street, and after extensive alterations on September 1st opened the first independently owned Super Market in this area.

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"The Kennett Square Free Press", first newspaper to be published in the Kennett Square community, made its appearance on July 21, 1855. It was edited by Dr. Franklin Taylor and published by B. F. Coles. A second attempt to found a newspaper in the community was made in 1871, with the publishing of the "Kennett Weekly Leader" by H. M. Worth. It, too, failed to survive.

On January 3, 1877, Volume I, Number 1 of the Kennett News and Advertiser was published by Theodore D. Hadley and J. Frank Holton. Today the Kennett News and Advertiser is not only the only newspaper published in the community, but is also the largest weekly newspaper in Chester County.

Theodore Hadley soon purchased exclusive publication rights of the paper and eventually turned over the ownership of the newspaper to his son, Charles C. Hadley, who continued to own the paper until it was sold in 1933 to William N. Young. Mr. Hadley, during his latter years of ownership, leased the operation of the newspaper to a series of editors, including Charles Phillips, Clyde Miles, John W. Jones, and Frank Johnston. On October 1, 1934, the Kennett News and Advertiser was purchased from Mr. Young by Richard G. Taylor, the present publisher. On May 24, 1940, the office of the paper was moved from the former location at 106 South Union Street to the new plant and office built at the present site, 109 North Union Street.

In addition to publishing a steadily-growing newspaper, the Kennett News and Advertiser also has maintained a modern commercial printing plant to serve not only this community but also customers in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York City. Today the Kennett News and Advertiser supports 12 full-time employees plus a group of correspondents and part-time employees to provide a community payroll of more than \$65,000 a year.

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On January 1st, 1949, H. M. Roser, the owner of the H. M. Roser Agency, formerly the E. R. Green Agency, and Lewis D. Einstein purchased the Hazlett Insurance Service and consolidated the two agencies into one operation, trading under the name of Roser & Einstein as the business is presently known.

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After operating a year and a half, we felt the need of larger quarters and so moved into a portion of the Worrall Building, 126 W. State Street, the location that we presently occupy. By this time our enterprise had grown from a one-man operation to a personnel of five. Also, at this time, we added to our floor covering line a limited line of furniture items. By 1953 we were carrying a complete line of better quality household furnishings and had increased our personnel to nine. Also in 1953 we were able to arrange for the purchase of the building we now occupy from Mr. W. S. Worrall. Since that time we've converted almost the entire building to the display of furniture and floor coverings and have acquired additional warehouse space.

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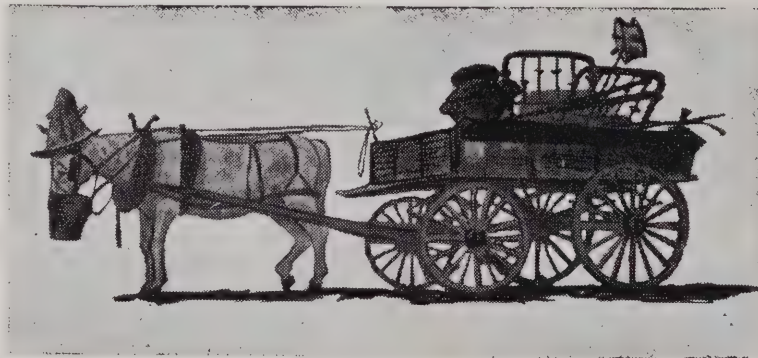
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The corporation now employs twelve men under the management of Thomas B. Worrall. Three of the original employees are still retained since its beginning—W. Milo Jackson, W. Worrall Chandler, and Mancill G. Strahorn.

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This little industry flourished through the years and expanded its facilities. It was only natural that in time the producer of the basic material and the imaginative user of the material should merge. So, in 1914 Fibre Specialty became a part of National Vulcanized Fibre Company.

This successful business relationship proved to National's management the advantages of Kennett as a manufacturing site. In 1925, in a small section of the Fibre Specialty plant, National started making a new material — Phenolite laminated plastic. This new operation was destined to grow beyond its founders expectations. Today, in Kennett's centennial year, the two subsidiary companies have been combined into one manufacturing facility bearing the name of Kennett Plant, National Vulcanized Fibre Co.

The Kennett Plant employs over four hundred people with an annual payroll over one million, five hundred thousand dollars.

The products made include trucks, boxes, trays, barrels, and roving cans for in-plant material handling and Phenolite laminated plastic in sheets, rods, tubes, and fabricated shapes. These laminates are prepared with phenolic, melamine, silicone, and epoxy resins in combination with paper, fabrics, fibre-glass, and asbestos, as well as copper-clad material for electronic and electrical printed circuit applications. The Kennett Plant is celebrating Kennett's Centennial with an OPEN HOUSE, to which the people of the Kennett Community and surrounding territory are cordially invited. Thus, through the years, National and Kennett have grown together . . . each contributing to the success of the other.

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The shop was moved in 1932 to the rear of the present location and in 1936 purchased the property and moved into the main building, known as 430 E. State Street, where operations are carried on with modern equipment and knowledge of a business of which we are justified in feeling that our customers are pleased. Ornamental iron tables with beautiful green marble tops, rare fireplace tools with bronze ornaments are made here by hand by a process never before accomplished. These specialties are made only in between times and are for special order only.

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In May, 1939, Mr. Pinkerton purchased the former Baptist Parsonage at 127 South Union Street. After remodeling, the business was moved to the new location. During World War II, Mr. Pinkerton was called to service as electrical superintendent for the U.S. Government. The business was operated for repair and service work only during this period. Returning to full operation, the business continues under the direction of the owner and manager, J. Leslie Pinkerton, Electrical Contractor and Oil Heating, 127 South Union Street.

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The business was started on a basis of having or getting quickly what Mr. Customer wanted and that motto, together with carrying nothing but name merchandise, is still the way the store operates.

Today, Square Hardware Co. is the largest hardware-appliance store in southeast Chester County, its new building having three floors, containing over 10,000 square feet of space and carrying Sherwin-Williams paints, all General Motors Frigidaire appliances, RCA radio and television, Youngstown kitchens, Roper and Magic Chef gas ranges, Ironrite ironers.

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In 1913 and subsequent years similar stores were opened in other communities. The enterprise was conducted by J. J. Newberry individually or in a partnership with his brother, C. T. Newberry, until the organization of the corporation. Both before and after the formation of the corporation, there have been many changes in the number and type of products sold. The corporation and its subsidiaries operate 475 retail stores in 45 states. The stores operated by the corporation and its subsidiaries are supervised from New York City, Boston, St. Louis, and Los Angeles.

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The business operated as J. N. J. Meadowcroft, Rose Grower, from 1937 until 1946, at which time Thomas F. Arden, formerly with the National Bank and Trust Company of Kennett Square and the Equitable Trust Company of Wilmington, joined the firm as a partner.

The new partnership purchased the greenhouse property of Eugene DiFilippo on West South Street and, after renovation and improvements, converted that plant to the production of roses.

The following year, 1947, Mr. Meadowcroft's father, James N. Meadowcroft, Sr., noted Rosarian and producer of numerous rose seedlings and sports, joined the firm as an additional partner, after serving as chief grower since 1924 with J. H. Thompson's Sons, where he originated the seedling rose, Brandywine. From 1907 until 1924, Mr. Meadowcroft, Sr., was chief grower with his uncle, W. A. Leonard, where he discovered a Columbia sport which has since produced many other sports that are among the leading commercial roses today.

Labor and material shortages occasioned by World War II brought many changes to the greenhouse industry, and emphasized the need for new methods and labor-saving devices.

The most primitive methods had always been used for insect control. Syringing with water for the control of red spider required at least two days each week of back-breaking labor, and oftentimes the application of so much water caused fungus diseases to appear on the crop. The most dreaded fungus was blackspot, which was almost impossible to control until it had ravaged every plant in a house and caused poor and limited crops.

A most important development was the aerosol bomb, which was admirably suited to greenhouse use, since it would give almost 100 percent control of all insects and a good application taking about fifteen minutes would last approximately twelve weeks. Hence, under this new method of insect control, fifteen minutes of light work produced better results than 192 hours of hard labor — and the absence of excess moisture has reduced blackspot to the point where it is all but forgotten.

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The common problems precipitated by the war: labor shortage, high taxes, etc., brought most rose growers to the realization of a need for united effort in order to survive. The growers banded together in Roses, Incorporated, an organization devoted to the survival of the art of rose growing, and through the efforts of these growers, fellowships have been established in various colleges to encourage young men to seek further knowledge in the field of floriculture.

Both Mr. Arden and Mr. J. N. J. Meadowcroft 3rd are overseas veterans of World War II. During the twenty-eight months of Mr. Meadowcroft's tour of duty with the Seabees, the business was conducted by his wife, Lily Worrall Meadowcroft.

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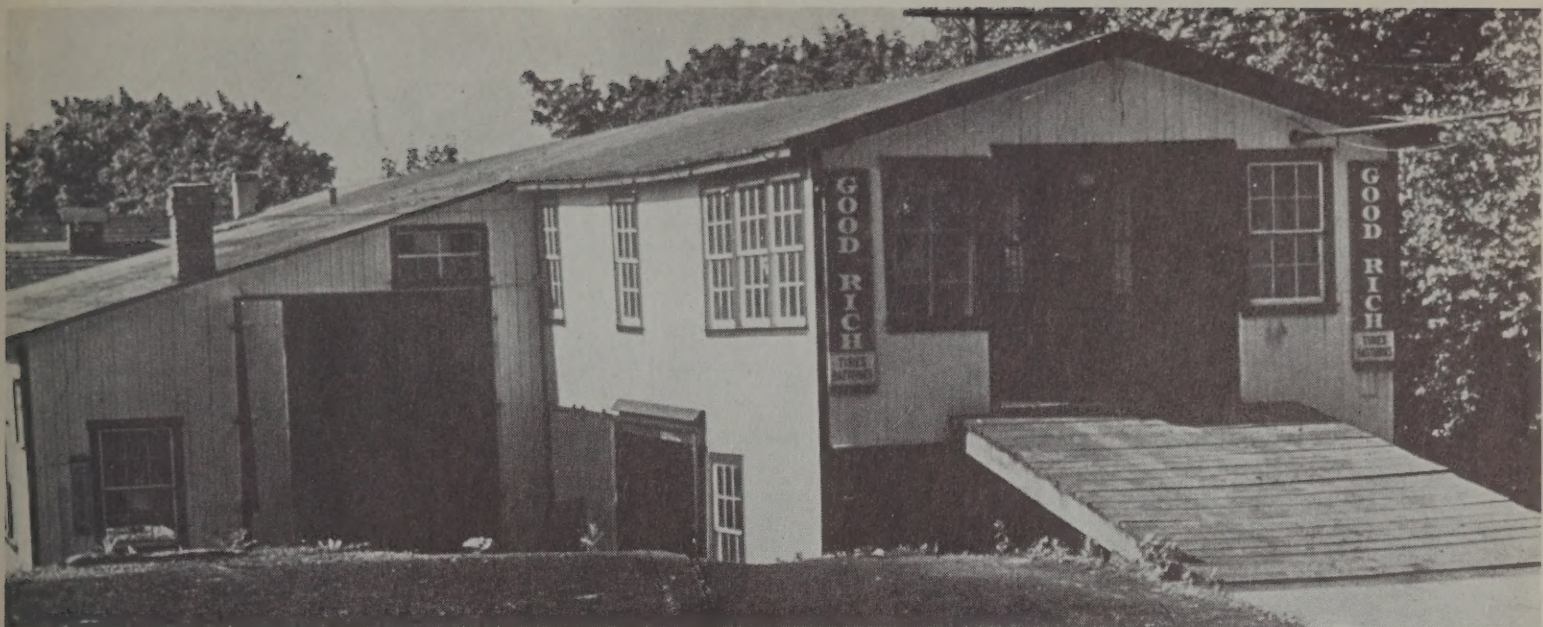
Through one hundred vigorous years, Kennett Square has grown in all the essentials that make a community substantial and worthwhile.

For more than sixty of these years, Kennett Square and the Electric Company have marched together, both representing opportunities and benefits of the American Way of Life, based on free enterprise and high civic responsibility.

As an integral part of Kennett Square, reaching into every home, every commercial and industrial establishment, virtually every farm in the area, Philadelphia Electric looks forward to great years ahead. On the threshold of Kennett Square's second century, Philadelphia Electric pledges anew its basic tenets: good citizenship, dependable power, and unceasing efforts to keep electricity the biggest bargain in the family budget.

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William J. McCord, on September 15, 1937, moved into this building and commenced the operation of a Pontiac Automobile and GMC Truck Agency. His first contract for 25 new cars was signed that same year. The business had only two employees, Joseph B. Manley and Harley Barker, and one part-time employee, Anita Gallo (DiNorscia). Mr. Barker has remained with the McCord agency and is now parts manager. Mr. Barker knows his business and has done a fine job and ranks among the top parts managers in the Philadelphia zone.

On December 24, 1939, Mr. McCord purchased the building where McCord Motor Sales is presently located. W. N. Worrall built the service facilities and the agency moved from the State and Center Street location to the East State Street building about June, 1940.

That same year, 1940, McCord Motor Sales sponsored the Kennett Square Lions Club at the convention of Lions International held in Havana, Cuba. The Kennett Lions were driven in four new Pontiac four-door sedans to Florida and from there the members and the automobiles were taken by boat to Havana.

The McCord establishment grew in size and scope until there were eleven employees. But there was an interruption on that eventful December 7, 1941. The United States entered into World War II and seven of the employees answered the call to the colors. During the war, automobile production for civilian use came to a standstill. The service department and parts department of the McCord agency continued in opera-

Just as the automobile replaced the horse and carriage, so did automobile agencies move into quarters that once had been a carriage shop.

Michael J. Moynihan owned and operated a blacksmith and carriage shop at the corner of State and Center Streets in the days before the horseless carriage. To the rear of this frame building could be heard the clang of metal against metal as the smith fashioned his horseshoes. The carriage shop and "showroom" was located in the front section of the building and it was here that residents could buy their carriages or have them custom made.

It was in this same building that practically all the automobile agencies presently located in Kennett Square began business.

tion, but the owner, Mr. McCord, became associated with the purchasing department of the Dravo Shipyard, Wilmington, where he remained for three years.

New automobiles began rolling off the assembly lines following World War II. In the fall of 1945 Mr. McCord returned to the new car business. Once again the agency began to build and expand. The seven employees who left to serve with the armed forces all returned and once more became a part of the McCord Motor Sales organization.

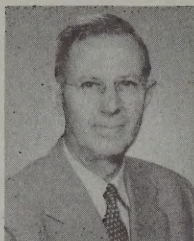
Three employees served their country during the Korean War. However, only one of them returned to the McCord employ after the cessation of hostilities. This was Donald Maxwell, who saw active duty in Korea and became a Prisoner of War. At the present time, Donald heads the sales department. He has been awarded the Master Sales Membership Guild and ranks third in the Philadelphia area.

Today, McCord Motor Sales employs twenty persons. Approximately 500 new and used units per year are delivered in this area and this record has continued for the past four years. The agency is ever eager to serve the public well—to deliver the finest Pontiac cars and GMC trucks and, through the service department, keep cars and trucks operating at maximum efficiency at lowest cost.

William J. McCord is a veteran in the automobile business, having started in 1927 as a salesman with Thomas M. Slack. In 1930 Mr. McCord became manager for Mr. Slack and later he joined the sales force of the Downingtown Motor Company, operating from their showroom located in Avondale.

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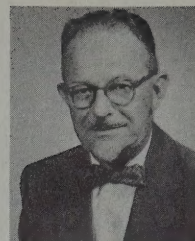
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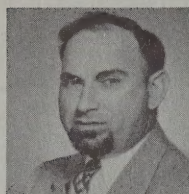
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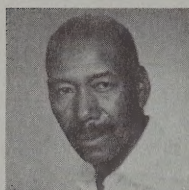
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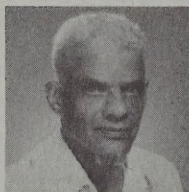
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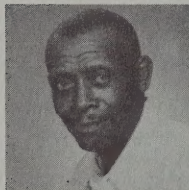
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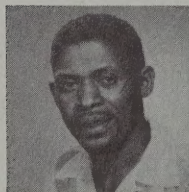
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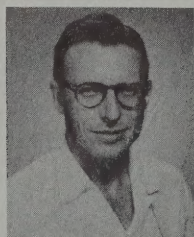
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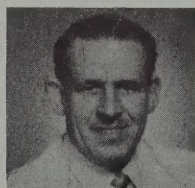
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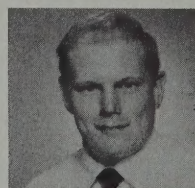
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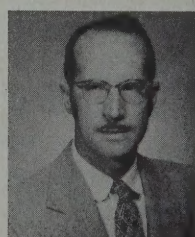
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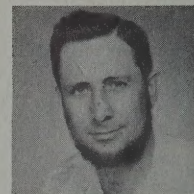
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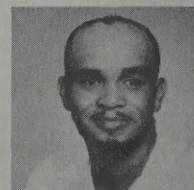
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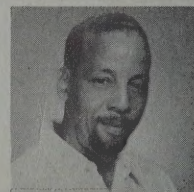
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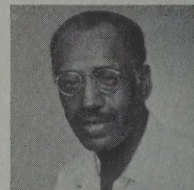
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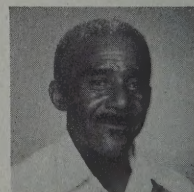
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In the year 1888 an enterprising young man started a new business venture in Kennett Square in order to supply the town and vicinity with staples necessary to the home and the growing building industry—coal, lumber, feed, hay, straw, grain, and fertilizer.

Charles G. Gawthrop, then twenty-four years old, built on leased ground the frame buildings that are still part of the present C. G. Gawthrop Company. Two years later, for \$882.00 he bought the land, approximately nine acres of ground, from the Vulcan Road Machinery Co. The site was bounded on the north by Mulberry Street, on the east by Meredith Street, on the west by Lafayette Street, and on the south by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

In those early years, business was conducted on a vastly different scale. The buildings consisted of a warehouse with a small office in one end, a coal shed, a lumber shed, and a barn. The delivery equipment included four mules, one horse, one coal wagon, one lumber wagon, one box wagon, one single wagon, and three sleds for use in winter snow. The personnel included Mr. Gawthrop, an office clerk, two team drivers, and a yard man.

The team drivers reported for work at 6:00 a.m. to feed, clean, and harness the mules and horse in order to be ready for work by 7:00 a.m. They put in ten hours a day, six days a week, and had to feed and groom the animals on Sunday—a steady job.

About 1900 a partnership known as C. G. Gawthrop Co. was formed by Mr. Gawthrop and Joseph T. Hickman—Mr. Hickman retired from the business in 1920. In 1912, L. Malcolm Hannum was employed as a clerk, and, except for service in the Army in World War I, has been with the company since that time. In 1926 he entered the partnership. Harold J. Gawthrop joined his father and the company in 1913. Having served in the Navy in World War I, he, too, came back to stay.

After the death of Charles G. Gawthrop in 1940 the partnership became Harold J. Gawthrop, L. Malcolm Hannum, and Mary Gawthrop Shoemaker as silent partner. This partnership was changed to a corporation in 1952.

In 1949, Wilson H. Whittle joined the Company, and in June of this year Robert H. Marshall became a member.

The office personnel includes Joseph S. Bailly, office manager; John Fiore, bookkeeper; and Kirk C. Slicer, salesman. So, from the original five men there are now sixteen, including six truck drivers, three helpers, and a yard man—ambassadors of good will.

There were other changes, too. Back in 1924, with the advent of the automobile, a two ton "White" truck was purchased to take the place of the mules, and a year later another "White" to relieve the horse.

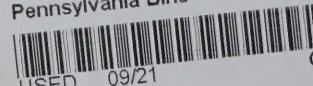
With the passing of years and the continual growth of our community, the demands of additional business required carrying larger inventory and more and more items needed for the home and the building industry.

Now, after sixty-seven years of service to the community, we have grown from the original two teams of 1888 to ten trucks, including two tank trucks used to deliver fuel oil, and a Fordson tractor and the latest and most up to date piece of equipment, a fork-lift truck to load and unload all kinds of material such as lumber, sand, stone, rock lath, brick, concrete block—anything and everything.

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